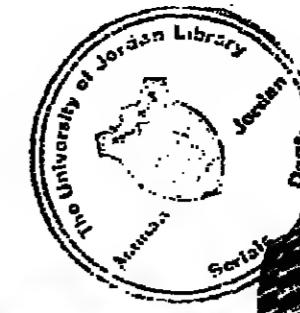


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24 women passengers freed : Release of 17 prisoners demanded

Kuwaiti airliner hijacked to Iran

NICOSIA, April 5, (Agencies): Arab hijackers today seized a Kuwait Airways jumbo whose passengers included three members of Kuwait's royal family and forced it to land in Mashhad, northeast Iran, demanding the release of 17 "political prisoners" held in Kuwait.

They have set a 12-hour deadline for their demands to be met, the Iranian national news agency Isna said.

Decision

The hijackers have freed 24 women passengers, the Iranian news agency Isna said.

The agency, gave no other details about the passengers still held on board the plane.

It said the decision followed the efforts of a delegation headed by Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Alireza Moayyeri.

Isna reported that the hijackers said in a statement radioed to the control tower at Mashhad airport: "We ask your Iranian officials to mediate between us and the Kuwaiti government if you want."

The release of the 17 jailed in Kuwait for political violence is a frequent demand of militants.

The hijackers' statement stressed: "This is our main demand ...

we are ready to cooperate with them (the Kuwaiti government) and if they accept our demand we will prove our goodwill.

"If you do not want to mediate, we ask for fuel and other needs and then we will take off," Isna reported.

The agency said earlier that the hijackers threatened to blow up the Boeing 747 if Iranian security forces approached it.

It was not clear whether the Iranians agreed to refuel the jetliner.

But Isna and Tehran Radio said Iranian security forces surrounded the plane on the tarmac at Mashhad to prevent it taking off.

The flight KU 422 originated in Bangkok. The plane, Al Jazira, was commandeered three hours after it took off from Bangkok on a flight to Kuwait, with 97 passengers and 15 crew members aboard.

Freed

One traveller, a Jordanian with a heart condition, was freed several hours after the plane landed at Mashhad at 7:30 am (0400 GMT), the Islamic republic news agency reported.

The freed passenger, businessman Mustafa Issa, 42, later appeared on Tehran television, and said there were "six or seven" hijackers, armed with hand-bombs and pistols.

Problem

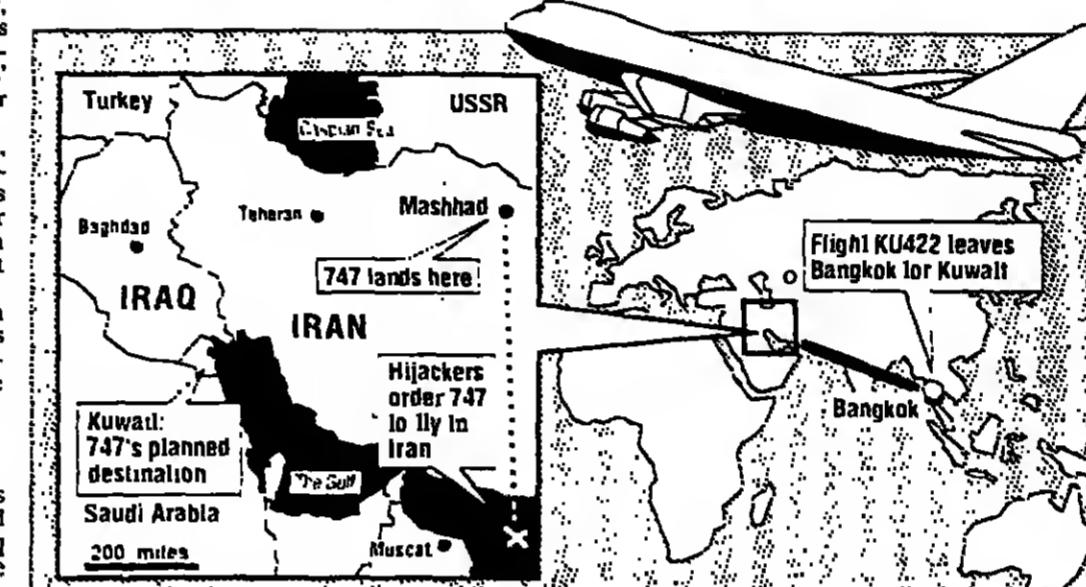
The Kuwait government, its relations with Tehran strained over the 7-1/2-year-old Iran-Iraq war urged Iran to handle the incident carefully.

Iraq's powerful Parliament Speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, said: "Despite Kuwait's insistence we have asked our officials to solve the problem immediately."

Otherwise, he said, the plane must leave Iran.

Iranian Prime Minister Hossein Mousavi said Iran was trying to "resolve the incident peacefully to save the lives of the people on board," Tehran Radio reported.

Moayyeri, earlier in the day went to Mashhad to negotiate



with the hijackers and requested that all women aboard the plane be released.

Mousavi told Tehran Radio that hijackings were "against humanitarian and Islamic principles and unacceptable as a political tactic."

Initially, Iran refused to allow the plane to land, but it reversed the decision when the pilot said he was running out of fuel, Isna and Tehran Radio said.

After circling for 44 minutes, the plane touched down in Mashhad at 7:30 am (0400 GMT) "solely for humanitarian reasons," an unnamed Foreign Ministry spokesman told Isna.

The Kuwait news agency quoted a spokesman for the airline as saying contact was lost with the aircraft while it flew over Muscat, Oman, in the southern Gulf.

Mashhad is a city of 1.5 million people close to Iran's borders with the Soviet Union and Afghanistan.

Hezbollah men held in Bangkok

By Lima Al Khalafawi

ARAB TIMES has learned that four of the collaborators of the hijackers were arrested in Bangkok and have been identified as members of the Hezbollah. They are being questioned.

Aviation sources in Kuwait said Kuwait Airways flights on the Kuwait-Bangkok route, unlike many of the airline's other flights, did not carry armed security guards as security at Bangkok airport was considered adequate.

In December 1984, four men seeking the release of the 17 Arabs hijacked a Kuwaiti airliner to Tehran and shot dead two American passengers before Iranian security guards stormed the plane and seized them. Their fate has not been revealed.

US, UK condemn hijacking

UNITED NATIONS, April 5, (Agencies): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said he was appalled by the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner today and appealed for the immediate release of the passengers.

The United States and Britain condemned the hijacking.

"For compelling human reasons, the secretary-general appeals to the hijackers to release immediately the passengers on board," said his spokesman Francois Giuliani, reading from a statement.

The United Nations has consistently condemned hijacking and taking of hostages as illegal and unjustifiable, the statement from the secretary-general said.

The British government today condemned the hijacking.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London said that "this is a totally unacceptable act of terrorism."

He recalled that Britain has in the past condemned such acts against civilian aircraft.

The spokesman pointed out "we are extremely worried about the incident."

"We condemn this hijacking as we do all such acts of terrorism," Deputy State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley told reporters. "We urge the government of Iran to live up to its responsibilities to resolve the incident and bring the perpetrators to justice."

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Emergency cabinet meeting held

Delegation will be sent to help free plane

KUWAIT will send a delegation to Iraq to help Iranian authorities free 11 people on a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner in the city of Mashhad.

The cabinet approved the measure during an emergency cabinet session last night.

Rashed Al Rashed, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, said Iran had asked for a Kuwaiti delegation. He did not say where or when the group would go.

The extraordinary cabinet meeting was held at the Shaab Palace under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to discuss the developments on the hijack.

Briefed

Rashed said after the meeting that the cabinet was briefed on all contacts that took place between the Iranian authorities and the hijackers to ensure release of the plane and its passengers.

The Kuwaiti cabinet expres-

sed satisfaction with statements by Iranian officials which showed their concern for the passengers' safety, Rashed said.

Earlier, Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said Iran was trying to end the matter peacefully and rejected hijack-

Rashed said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati sent a letter to Deputy Premier Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, expressing similar views.

"To reinforce the efforts made by officials in the Islamic Republic of Iran and in response to a request by Iranian authorities, the cabinet has decided to send a delegation from Kuwait to facilitate the mission of the Iranian authorities to free the hijacked passengers," Rashed said.

The cabinet hoped the Iranian efforts will be successful in ensuring the release of the plane and its passengers.

Kuwait asks Tehran to keep the plane grounded

KUWAIT yesterday asked Iran to prevent a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner from taking off from the Iranian city of Mashhad.

The Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry asked Iranian authorities to prevent the plane taking off from Mashhad, a city of 1.5 million in the north-eastern corner of Iran close to the Soviet Union and Afghanistan.

Opposes

The Foreign Ministry summoned the Iranian chargé d'affaires in Kuwait and urged his government to settle the matter quickly and carefully.

"Kuwait is confident that the relevant authorities in Iran will deal with this matter wisely and in such a way as to preserve the safety of the passengers, crew and plane," a ministry official said.

Three Sabah family members on board

BANGKOK, April 5, (AP): Three members of Kuwait's ruling Al Sabah family were among 112 passengers and crew members aboard a Kuwaiti Airways jumbo hijacked to Iran, an airline official said today.

Elias H. Shiber, country manager for Kuwait Airways, said the Boeing 747 departed Bangkok international airport at 3:30 am Tuesday (2030 GMT) and was hijacked one hour and 50 minutes before its scheduled landing in Kuwait.

Shiber released a list of 97 passengers aboard the aircraft. Earlier reports had said the plane carried 96 passengers and a crew of 15.

Passports

The passenger list included 30 Kuwaitis, 20 Britons, eight Thais, four people each from Pakistan, Egypt, Ireland and Bahrain, three each from Jordan, Austria and Syria, two each from Germany, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, and one South Korea, Japanese, Singaporean, Palestinian, Colombian and Lebanese.

One other passenger held both US and Egyptian passports while another's nationality was not known, Shiber said.

The crew members included four Egyptians, three each from Kuwait and Jordan, and one each from Yemen, Sudan, Iraq, the Philippines and Thailand.

The airline could not immediately say if the two passengers with German passports were from East or West Germany, or if the crew member was from North or South Yemen.

Shiber said the first class passenger list included three members of Al Sabah family: Hisham Khaled Al Sabah, Fadi Khaled Al Sabah and the wife of Khaled Anwar Al Sabah.

Britain said today that 20 of its nationals were aboard the hijacked plane.

In London, the Foreign Office said earlier that 22 Britons were among the passengers.

A review of the passenger list showed two of those believed to be British were Irish nationals, a spokesman said.

The passenger list issued by Kuwait Airlines in Bangkok listed 22 Britons. But the Foreign Office said two of the passengers identified as British by the airline, Giza Bela Kurucz and Erzabet Katalin Kurucz, were not on its list from the British embassy in Kuwait.

The Foreign Office, saying officials were "extremely worried," added it knew of no special reason why such a high proportion of the passengers were British.

The airline's London office said it believed that some of the Britons on board the Bangkok-Kuwait flight had been due to change planes to Kuwait and catch a connecting flight to London later.

"Normally they would have been back in the United Kingdom by this afternoon," Terry Lee, Kuwait Airways sales manager, told reporters.

Britain closed its embassy in Iran in 1980 after the US embassy there was seized. Britain withdrew its remaining diplomats, who were in the Swedish mission, last May after a diplomat was beaten up following the arrest in Britain of an Iranian envoy on shoplifting charges.

Hotel fire

BLACKPOOL, April 5, (AP): Five people, including three children, died today when fire swept through a hotel believed to have been used by the government to house unemployed people and their families, police and fire officials said.

Seventeen others were injured in the mid-afternoon blaze at the Leher Mount Hotel, in his popular north England seaside resort and convention site, said Lancashire Constabulary, the regional police force.



A file photo of the hijacked jumbo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Iranian missile hits Baghdad

BAGHDAD, April 5, (Agencies): An Iranian missile hit Baghdad today hours after Bulgar Prime Minister Georgi Atacovasov began an official visit to the Iraqi capital, a military spokesman said.

He said the missile landed on a residential area killing or wounding an unspecified number of people and damaging property.

Baghdad television said Atacovasov had talks with President Saddam Hussein today and delivered a message from Bulgarian head of state Todor Zhivkov dealing with bilateral relations.

The radio said Iranian anti-aircraft gunners shot down an Iraqi PC-7 jet over Sulaymaniyah province, where Iranian forces seized a swathe of territory in an offensive last month.

"We have no information, we just do not know what to tell them," he said. Otsuzku, who has already spent three months in Kuwait, went to Japan to complete the formalities related to his residence and was on his way back to Kuwait.

The 14-year-old daughter of Ahmed and Fawzia Nisar Memon from Pakistan who are on the fateful flight, was shocked at the news about the hijacking. She said she was listening with her sister to the news bulletins on the radio hoping to learn about

Relatives anxious for information

By Jadraka Porter

IN Kuwait the anxious relatives and friends of the hostages were listening to the radio, reading newspapers and their embassies for information.

The Nisars were part of a group of seven, four Pakistanis and three Austrians, who left together for Bangkok a week ago on a business cum pleasure trip.

A spokesman for the Austrian embassy confirmed that three Austrians nationals with residence in Kuwait were on the flight KU 422. They are Josef and Sonja Degeorgi and Heinz Orthner.

"We just hope that the incident ends up without a bloodshed," the spokesman said.

The Thai Ambassador to Kuwait, Vichien Chatwan, was last night awaiting a report from Bangkok.

There are eight Thai nationals on the hijacked flight but the diplomat said he did not know them and suggested they might be workers on one of the construction projects in Kuwait.

The Syrian embassy had no information on the three of their nationals, among them one woman, who are also among the hostages.

INTERNATIONAL

Bases talks open in Manila

US warns of Soviet threat

MANILA, April 5. (Reuters): Talks on the future of American bases in the Philippines opened today with US warnings that the Soviet Union could turn overnight into a powerful military threat to Asian nations.

"It only requires an overnight shift in Soviet intentions; given their capability, to transform (their Pacific) presence into a serious economic and military threat," US Ambassador Nicholas Platt said.

The US and Philippine panels met amid a flurry of accusations over Central Intelligence Agency involvement in the weekend escape of renegade Colonel Gregorio Honasan, the country's most wanted Army rebel. The American Embassy called the accusations baseless and Platt, opening the talks, reiterated support for President Corazon Aquino.

Terms

But Philippine congressional leaders said they would investigate what Deputy Speaker Antonio Cuenco called an "American 'arm-twisting tactic'" linked to the base negotiations.

The formal agenda for the talks, which could last months,

deals with the terms for the last two years of an agreement allowing Americans use of Clark Air Force base and Subic Naval bases.

Casting a giant shadow is the question of whether the Philippines will permit the bases to remain when the accord runs out in 1991.

Platt, the chief US negotiator, pushed for the retention of the bases, bluntly telling Manila's negotiators that Filipinos need them for their own security and for the money they bring into the country.

He said both sides handled the issue would have "considerable impact on the future of both our countries."

Platt called the US-Philippine military alliance "alynch-pin of regional peace."

Manglapus, who has said the bases are for Washington's benefit, not Manila's, said he hoped the talks would end in "ultimate understanding" between the two countries.

Manila newspapers today exhorted officials to push a strong national interest line and leftist groups called for a major demonstration in newspaper

advertisements headlined "our sovereignty is not for sale."

President Reagan has said the two bases are increasingly important to regional security and their continued presence has been backed, generally privately, by other independent countries in South-East Asia and by Japan.

The Philippines took a self-confident tack despite the political embarrassment of Honasan's Saturday night escape from the prison ship where he was awaiting court martial over the bloody coup attempt he led last August.

Foreign secretary Raul Manglapus, who heads the Philippine negotiating team, has promised to hold out for more compensation and Philippine control over the two bases, which he has said benefit Washington more than Manila.

Danger

President Corazon Aquino's aides dismissed the charismatic Honasan as a "rebel without a cause" but share prices slid on Monday reflecting investors' nervousness as the military acknowledged it has few clues to help its nationwide search.

Justice Secretary Sedfrey

Ordonez called Honasan, who claims a large following amongst junior officers, "a clear and present danger to our government."

Opposition leader Juan Ponce Enrile challenged Aquino to call a snap election. In a radio interview today the former Defence Minister denied aiding Honasan, a close friend who once headed Enrile's personal security.

The government has banned radio stations from playing taped, telephoned interviews with the coup leader, fearing repetition of a propaganda campaign waged during months on the run last year.

The Daily Globe newspaper, which is linked to the opposition, today ran what it said was an interview with Honasan in which he denied bribing his guards to help him escape. The 14 members of the elite Navy special warfare unit who disappeared with him helped him escape out of conviction, not for money, he said.

Manglapus says the annual \$180 million pledge from Washington for the bases covering the five-year period to the end of 1989 is not enough.



● The family of Martin Luther King Jr. stands silent in a moment of prayer next to the crypt where King is buried, during a wreath-laying ceremony in Atlanta. (Reuter wirephoto)

Labour unions demand wage increase

Strike paralyses Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 5. (AP): Lebanon was paralysed today as Muslims and Christians united in a nation-wide strike called by labour unions demanding a 300 percent wage increase.

A government source said Hoss and Hashem are considering a 100 percent "compromise" wage increase.

The government cannot give the GCLU a 300 percent increase in salaries. Both businessmen and the state treasury cannot cope with such an increase," the source said.

"Both government leaders and businessmen fear that such a high raise as the one demanded by the GCLU would sharply increase the inflation rate," the source added.

Lebanon's 13-year-old civil war has pushed the nation's inflation rate from 9 percent in 1975 to the current estimated level of 225 percent.

The government source said: "Any increase in salaries would force the Lebanese pound to decline further against foreign currencies, something that will

also raise prices and create additional difficulties for the working class."

The Lebanese pound, once the soundest currency in the Middle East, rated 2.5 to the US dollar before the civil war. It sank to a record low of 700 to the dollar last December.

The decline of the Lebanese pound against foreign currencies has sent prices skyrocketing in a nation that imports more than 85 percent of its needs.

The pound regained some of its value in the first quarter of 1988, rating 360 to the dollar in the Beirut money market last week.

Some people opposed the strike.

"The federation called the strike and here we are, striking against ourselves," said a taxi driver.

The manager of a local trading company said he thought the strike was a futile exercise.

"The real problem is the war, which is the real reason for the economic problems," he said.

Punjab neighbours seal their borders

NEW DELHI, April 5. (AP): Two Indian states neighbouring the state of Punjab took fresh security measures today against Sikh terrorism, banning night traffic and sealing their borders. Meanwhile, five people were gunned down by militants in Punjab, reports said.

The government of Kashmir banned vehicle traffic after sundown in its border areas to prevent infiltration by Sikh militants operating from Punjab, the source said.

The Himachal Pradesh government sealed its borders with Punjab and beefed up police patrols in the sensitive areas, UNI said. The measures were designed to block the terrorists' escape routes, UNI reported.

Police reports said six Sikhs have been gunned down in Punjab in the past 24 hours; they included a state police official identified as Makhan Singh in Dabwali village in Gurdaspur district, and five others in different areas.

The latest murders raised Punjab's death toll to at least 661 in attacks blamed on Sikhs extremists so far this year.

More than 1,000 people were killed last year by Sikh militants fighting for a separate theocratic homeland in Punjab.

Amritsar police arrested nine Sikh extremists of the outlawed Khalistan Liberation Force and the Khalistan Commando Force, two underground terrorist organisations.

Meanwhile, a meeting was held in Punjab today by various factions of the militant groups to discuss the idea of unity, UNI reported. The meeting was held at Damdami Taksal, headquarters of a fundamentalist Sikh religious school.

The ambushers were from the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, which is fighting for an independent state for minority Tamils, the source said.

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No other details were available.

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spapers was burned today by armed men suspected to be from the Janatha Vimuktibhi Peramuna, a banned leftist group drawn from the majority Sinhalese community.

Tamil kill 4 soldiers in ambush

COLOMBO, April 5. (Reuters): Tamil rebels killed four Sri Lankan soldiers in an ambush today and injured two others; military officials said.

Officials said the six soldiers were on their way by car to distribute bread to a camp when guerrillas shot them at Kondacchittu in Mannar district, 200 km north of Colombo.

The weapons of the dead were missing after the incident, they said.

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Opposition

The jets are to be made by General Dynamics Corp., the primary F-16 contractor, with Israeli co-production, although details of the production plan were not disclosed.

The new F-16s are to take the place of the Lavi, a fighter Israel had started to build but dropped last year because of excessive costs, the officials said. It was already soaking up a major portion of US military aid to Israel.

Opposition

The Peutagon also told Congress it planned to sell to the United Arab Emirates modification kits for five Hawk air defence missile batteries for \$168 million.

It said it plans to sell planes and missiles to Pakistan worth \$343 million, which includes 11 F-16 fighters for \$256 million and 200 Sparrow and 360 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles for a total of \$87 million.

Opposition

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Two die in clash with Israelis

BEIRUT, April 5. (UPI): Israeli patrol today intercepts Palestinian commandos attempting to infiltrate northern Lebanon and clashed with the attackers at the border two hours, Israel and the commandos said.

An Israeli military spokesman said two commandos were killed and four Israeli soldiers wounded when the commandos surrounded the command group and attacked it at today.

The spokesman said the commandos had planned to Israel to take hostages and spotted in Lebanon by an Israeli patrol, about 10 yards from the border fence near the town of Kfar Yuval.

The Palestine Liberation Front (PLF), a faction of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, claimed responsibility for the attempt and said three commandos were wounded, one of seriously, and three Israeli soldiers were killed in a firefights that lasted two hours.

France strikes hostage deal

DAMASCUS, April 5. (UPI): A deal has been reached under which France and Lebanon will resume diplomatic relations. French government sources said the deal was reached yesterday.

If there are no last-minute developments, the release could be within the next few days," one source said.

The two sources declined to identify the hostage takers but have proved reliable on hostage matters in the past. They said a special French delegation had been sent to Lebanon to negotiate a deal with the hostage takers in their hold in Lebanon's Bekaa valley.

They said the envoy, Andre Stefani, an associate of French Interior Minister Pasqua, and an unidentified Lebanese businessman, had been sent to Lebanon to negotiate a deal with the hostage takers in their hold in Lebanon's Bekaa valley.

The three French held in Lebanon are Jean Kaufman, 42, a journalist; May 22, 1985, and two diplomats, Marcel Carton, 63, and Fontaine, 46, seized May 1985.

The kidnapping was carried out by Islamic Jihad, a group of Muslims of the Shiite sect of Iran's leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

The French Foreign Ministry declined to comment on that France and Iran had reached an accord to resume diplomatic relations for the simultaneous release of the three hostages.

Soviets in favour of embargo on Iran

ABU DHABI, April 5. (UPI): Soviet Foreign Minister Gennady Gerasimov was not against an arms embargo on Iran but did not believe it would end the Gulf crisis.

"We are not against an embargo," Georgy Tarazevich, vice-president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, told reporters last night.

"But we believe it will not work because Iran will not get weapons from the market and even the al-Qaeda will not be able to buy them," he said.

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No sign of progress in Shultz-Hussein talks

DAMASCUS, April 5. (UPI): Secretary of State George Shultz arrived in Damascus today after talks with Jordan's King Hussein showed no apparent progress in winning acceptance for the US Middle East peace plan.

Shultz went directly to the presidential palace in Damascus for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad expected to focus on the initiative.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman said the 75-minute meeting with Hussein in Amman was "useful."

He said there had been no formal reaction from Hussein to the new US initiative, launched last February in response to unprecedent Palestinian riots in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Redman said Shultz, in meeting with Hussein, reported on his talks with the Israelis. The King reviewed the US proposal and questioned Shultz about Israeli positions, he said.

The US spokesman said that during a working lunch, Shultz and Hussein discussed other issues including US-Soviet relations.

Before leaving for Damascus, Shultz told Jordanian newspaper editors some Israeli leaders were much more favourably inclined to the initiative than others.

"Of course some of it appeals to everybody, so it is a picture," Shultz said.

"I tried to explain this picture faithfully to King Hussein and I believe it is of great importance to maintain the momentum of this initiative and to increase

US proposes \$2b of arms for Israel

WASHINGTON, April 5. (AP): There was opposition to the US plan both in the United States and in Israel, as well as opposition from American plane manufacturers who feared the Lavi would be bought by third countries in place of US-built planes.

The new Defence Department proposal, if approved by Congress as expected, is part of a November 1987 US-Israeli security agreement calling for fresh American military aid, which runs in excess of \$1.8 billion annually.

The Pentagon also informed Congress on Monday of other major arms sales to the Middle East.

They included sales to Egypt of 7,511 anti-tank missiles, with 108 launchers, for \$180 million and two Blackhawk helicopters for \$32 million.

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High court judge S.K. Seth said he made the reduction after considering "the needs of the victims."

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Justice ministers council session

Law issued on personal status may be accepted at pan-Arab level

KUWAIT's Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Dhari Al Othman, present chairman of the sixth session of the Arab Justice Ministers Council which concluded deliberations here on Monday, said yesterday the session had accomplished its mission in all fields.

In a press conference, the minister said Kuwait's hosting of the session was a good opportunity of a great benefit at both the national and pan-Arab levels. It has come as a link in the chain of the prominent positive roles that Kuwait pursues under the leadership of HH the Amir.

Al Othman underlined that the three-day session achieved two major legislative accomplishments in the history of the council.

Unified law

For the first time, Al Othman added, the council has issued a law that is suitable to be implemented at the pan-Arab level which is Kuwait's document on Arab unified law for personal status.

No plan to increase electricity charge

KHALED Al Badawi, the Director of the Public Relations Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water, said that the ministry had no intention of increasing the electricity and water charges as had been rumoured.

Al Badawi added that the ministry had completed laying water pipes in a number of areas in the country and that owners of buildings had the option to connect to the water supply.

He said the ministry would continue its system of calculating the average power consumption over a one year period and would charge users based on this average. He added that hills could now be paid at local banks as well as ministry offices. He explained that this made it easier for the ministry to control payments made and to maintain accurate records.

Al Badawi said that the system of averaging consumer consumption and billing twice a year had improved the promptness with which bills have been paid.

Sudanese message

DOHA, April 5, (Kuna): Sheikh Khalifa Bin Ahmed Al Thani, the Qatari Amir, received today a verbal message from Sudanese Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi on bilateral relations.

The message was conveyed by Sudanese Minister of Social Care and Alms, Reshid Ibrahim during a meeting.

He said this law derives its rulings from the Islamic sharia (jurisprudence) to tackle problems in the contemporary Arab world.

Second, Al Othman added, is the issuance of a full and comprehensive plan for justice work at the Arab level, which also held the title of Kuwait's document on the Arab plan for joint justice work.

Al Othman added that the session also showed concern for the first time to international law in view of its links to Arab contemporary causes.

Uprising

The Minister noted that the council has also issued detailed statements that included the main points of the Amir's inaugural speech.

He pointed out that the statements focussed on discussing legal aspects of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and the sanctity of the holy shrines and the right of Saudi Arabia to take all measures to ensure the security

of the shrines and the pilgrims' safety.

The statements also focussed on the Iraq-Iran war from a legal point of view where they stressed the necessity for implementing the security council's resolution 598 in accordance with order of articles and noted that the party rejecting the resolution should bear legal consequences.

Weapons

Concerning the acquiring of missiles by Saudi Arabia and Israel's threat to destroy them, the minister noted the council has stressed that the international law gives the Saudi kingdom the right to defend itself and hence it is entitled to obtain weapons that would facilitate that defence.

He said the council also touched on the legal situation resulting from closure of the Palestine Liberation Organisation mission in the United Nations, noting "what has happened is not related in one way or another to any legal basis."

In the meantime, the minister announced that the Saudi delegation to the sixth session has informed him of Riyadh's acceptance to endorse the basic structure of the Islamic Court of Justice.

The minister expressed optimism that there will be a trend toward pan-Islamic ratification of that structure.

In response to a question whether the unified Arab law for personal status was not forced on member states, the minister said the council is not authorized to impose laws, however, it (the council) attempts to bridge systems and laws of the Arab countries to set a joint basis from which Arab countries derive their legislation.

The minister, in reference to his upcoming visit to Egypt, noted that the Kuwaiti delegation to Cairo will seek to benefit from Egypt's national centre of researches in a bid to promote cooperation between the two countries in the judicial field.

He revealed that the visit is scheduled for next Sunday.

Health ministers pledge \$250,000 for Palestinians

AMMAN, April 5, (Reuter): Arab health ministers ended a three-day conference in Amman today with a pledge to spend \$250,000 on health services in Israeli-occupied lands.

We decided to take immediate steps to support public health services in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in view of deteriorating health conditions there, Jordanian Health Minister Zaid Hamza told a news conference.

He said the money would be used to buy 200 first-aid kits and five ambulances, help to pay the expenses in Israeli hospitals of Palestinians injured during the four-month uprising in the occupied territories and help to finance a West Bank hospital.

The 22-member council of Arab Health Ministers condemned what it called Israel's oppressive actions against Palestinians and urged the United Nations and other international bodies to act to end Palestinian suffering.

More than 130 Palestinians have been killed and hundreds more wounded by Israeli gunfire and beatings in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since December 9.

Award

The council expressed readiness to meet requests for medical supplies from Lebanon and Djibouti, reviewed Arab efforts to combat the killer disease AIDS and discussed setting up a pan-Arab blood transfusion service.

The council decided to launch greater public awareness programmes about the risks of Acquired Immune Deficiency

Syndrome (AIDS), and urge some Arab countries, still lacking national committees for preventing AIDS, to speed up plans for the formation of such bodies.

In appreciation of the great services of former president of the council's executive bureau, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi of Kuwait, the ministers decided to set up a medical research award in his name.

In supporting the popular Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, the ministers announced urgent plans to supply 100,000 dollars worth of medical and kits through the International Committee of the Red Cross for victims of Israeli bop-its.

An equal sum was earmarked for the Jordanian Health Ministry to finance the costs of Palestinian victims of the upbeaval who are forced by circumstances to seek treatment in Israeli hospitals.

Concluding the ministers denounced the Iranian gunboat aggression last week on the Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan, and expressed solidarity with any Kuwaiti measures to fend off foreign aggressions and threats.

Excess weight caused collapse of university cafeteria ceiling

KUWAIT University yesterday expressed regret over the collapse of the girls' cafeteria ceiling in the university's faculty of science in Khladiya last Sunday and extended condolences to families of the victims.

A statement issued yesterday by Kuwait University on the incident pointed out that the ceiling, which is undergoing maintenance work, collapsed as a result of excess weight from sand and bricks and killed one labourer and injured three others.

The incident occurred just 10 minutes after students had left the cafeteria, a factor that helped lessen the casualties.

The statement indicated that police investigation on the incident is currently underway and necessary measures were taken to inspect safety of the building.

It added that the university is keen to facilitate an alternative building as soon as possible, particularly as classes are proceeding according to schedule.



● The Ambassador of the Netherlands in Kuwait, J.F.R.M. Voting (left) yesterday paid a courtesy visit to the editor-in-chief of Al Seyassah newspaper, Ahmed Al Jarallah.

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HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, yesterday met the board of directors of the Kuwait Journalists Association.

List of passengers aboard plane

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 5, (AP): Here is an official list of 97 passengers aboard the hijacked Kuwaiti Airways flight 422 from Bangkok to Kuwait.

The names of crew members were not immediately available, airline officials said.

1. A.B. Zayed Alraiqam, Kuwait
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3. Khaled Ebtesam Al Sabah, Kuwait
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5. Ali Abdulwahab Abdullah, Kuwait
6. Jumah Alshatti, Kuwait
7. Alabdullahi, A.S. Fahed, Kuwait
8. Khader Alateby, Kuwait
9. Methieh Mchbaal Ali, Kuwait
10. M. Ali Alkandy, Kuwait
11. M. Salaiman Almishari, Kuwait
12. Salem Salman Almutairi, Kuwait
13. Ahmad Khalid Alqabandi, Kuwait
14. Saad Khaled Alrashidi, Kuwait
15. Mubarak Alsawag, Kuwait
16. R.H.K. Khalid Alshammari, Kuwait
17. H. Mohamed Ashkanani, Kuwait
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19. Abdulla Admed Hussain, Kuwait
20. Bandar A. Khalid Ismail, Kuwait
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22. Rashed Adnan Majiki, Kuwait
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45. May Nicola Appleby, Britain
46. S. Jane Silcock, Britain
47. J. Fred Grant, Britain
48. Giza Bela Kurucz, Ireland
49. Erzsbet Kataina Kurucz, Ireland
50. William Gerald Moore, Britain
51. Brydon J.B. Yarrow, Britain
52. Simon Pollock, Britain
53. James Scott Stillwell, Britain
54. Doreen Elaine McIntosh, Britain
55. John Andre Watson, Britain
56. Ralph Albert Watson, Britain
57. Chamlong Huablio, Thailand
58. Sompoj Maneewong, Thailand
59. John Ratanapant, Thailand
60. Weerapong Sanuangsawongvichit, Thailand
61. Supol Senamai, Thailand
62. Jooy Thongsopha, Thailand
63. Ms. Janyan Khattiyatep, Thailand
64. Mahrog Abdalla Alabed, Egypt
65. Saeed Fathi Kulta, Egypt
66. Kamel Mohd Rehan, Egypt
67. Masato Otsuzuki, Japan
68. Ms. Seow Lee Chen, Singapore
69. Yaudh Khaled Nassiri, Iraq
70. Mohammed Sradoun Ouda, Iraq
71. Saad Almagarabi Malaz Alhussaini, Syria
72. Mohamed Samer Attasi, Syria
73. Yasmin Attasi, Syria
74. Soudamor Alomran, Saudi Arabia
75. Abdulaziz Mubarak Alzahrani, Saudi Arabia
76. Mrs Noaman Laiza Abdulla, Palestinian
77. Edwards Manue Rodriguez, Colombia
78. Nemr Malek Awada, Lebanon
79. R. Attia Alzaali, holder of both US and Egyptian passports
80. N. Alzafer, country of origin unknown

New brackish water source

ACCORDING to the annual report by the Statistics Control Department at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, a new water source will be developed in Om Al Kader with an anticipated yield of 15 million gallons of brackish water per day.

The project is among four planned by the ministry over the next three years.

The report said the projects will attempt to develop the Sulaiya brackish water well as part of an overall plan to develop brackish water wells throughout the country to meet the demands of urban expansion, industrial requirements and agricultural and landscaping needs.

The report said the estimated production capacity of the Sulaiya project would be about 40 million gallons per day.

Dr Refqi called for upgrading the different information media.

Seminar on effect of media on youth

THE media played an important role in shaping the character of youths and in creating public awareness, Dr Mohammed Refqi of Kuwait University, said yesterday.

He was speaking at a seminar on the effect of the media on youth, organised by the community service centre of Kuwait University.

The seminar was patronised by the assistant rector for community services and information affairs at the university, Dr Rasha Al Sabah, and attended by Dr Mohammed Refqi, the editor-in-chief of Al Anbaa newspaper Faisal Al Marzouq, Dr Abdul Latif Al Awadi of Al Rai Al Aam, and Dr Abdulla Al Ghazali of Al Afqa newspaper.

Dr Refqi called for upgrading the different information media.

Dr Al Awadi said Arabs were facing a foreign cultural invasion aimed at destroying national values, traditions and behaviour.

He spoke about the role of capitalists in influencing information media, pointing out that there were five Jewish foundations in the United States and they dominated the media.

He called for increasing educational programmes shown on television in order to protect youths from foreign influences.



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Kuwait will not tolerate aggression

KUWAIT'S Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed has announced that Kuwait will not tolerate any infringement on the territory of the country or assaults on any military or civilian installations.

"From now onwards, Kuwait will not be lenient in dealing with any object or unidentified movement intending to infringe on our territory or attack on military positions or civilian targets," the minister stated in the latest issue of a Kuwaiti magazine.

The minister was referring to the recent Iranian gunboat attack on the offshore island of Bubiyan in which two soldiers were wounded.

Morale
Sheikh Nawaf, in his statement to the magazine, commended the high spirit and morale of the Kuwaiti defence forces, adding that Kuwaiti youth have learnt to sacrifice from their ancestors and are ready to shed their blood to defend the country.

The minister cautioned that the Kuwaiti tolerance was misinterpreted as a sign of weakness, but was in reality motivated by a desire to contain the armed conflict.

"Kuwait will always be the solid rock on which all aggressive efforts will be broken," he said.

Inspection tour

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday visited the Kuwaiti Air Force and Air Defence headquarters.

He was met by commanders and senior officers of the two forces, and afterwards was briefed on defence systems currently used by the Kuwaiti Air Force.

Sheikh Nawaf received a visiting Saudi Military delegation.

The delegation, led by Colonel Abdul Aziz Turki Al Ataishan toured Al Al Saleem Air Force base inspecting its military installations.

No plan to cut expat manpower

THE Director of the Labour Department in Kuwait's Jahra Governorate Ahmad Al Kulaib said there was no intention to reduce expatriate manpower in the country, adding that manpower would stabilise after the residence law was fully organised.

Al Kulaib said that he would participate in a meeting of countries that employ Asian labourers which is scheduled to be held in Amman, Jordan. He said the Kuwaiti delegation would submit a paper at the meeting about its

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

MUSIC

Upasana
Upasana presents a musical — Ghanamanjari, featuring South Indian film songs, on April 7, 7.30 pm.

Gethanjali — a selection of Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam songs — will be presented by the same group, 6.30 pm, on April 8.

Both programmes will be held at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium. Enquiries, for reservations, phone 5643643; 3987409.

Sargam Kay Sitaray
Sargam Kay Sitaray, a musical nite, will be held on April 7 at the Cinema Granada Tel: 5723573; 5759283.

ARTS

Ghadir Gallery

Sudanese artist Hasan Hakem is showing drawings and sketches at the gallery in Saliya Complex. It is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 6.30 pm, until April 21.

Al Selem Gallery

Kuwait's formative artists are showing their paintings at the 20th annual exhibition at the Dabiyat Abdullah Al Selem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque. The exhibition is open daily, except Friday, from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 7.

Free Atelier

An exhibition of paintings by Sami Ahmad Sayed Omar is open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St., near Amiri Hospital. It runs until April 7.

Sultan Gallery

An exhibition of oil paintings by Pakistani artist Yasseen Bhainia is open daily, except Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the gallery, Al Soor St., until April 14.

Kuwait National Museum

Thirty six Palestinian artists are exhibiting their work at the Kuwait National Museum, Arabian Gulf St., open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 7.

THEATRE

Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance
The company will present two ballets "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" from April 25 to 29, 8.30 pm, nightly, at the "Mousetrap" Theatre, NES, Saliya. Tickets — KD 4. From Saturday, April 9, the box office at Mousetrap will be open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

HOTELS

Handicraft bazaar
An exhibition of arts and handicrafts will be held on Thursday and Friday, April 7 and 8 at Regency Palace Hotel. The exhibition include hand-made jewellery, painting and engraving on glass and metals, Islamic & Kuwaiti traditional paintings and writings, samples of old Kuwaiti houses and paintings, children's paintings, coins and jewellery from the 16th century. The exhibition will remain open from 8.00 am to 9.00 pm on both the days.

SOCIAL

Health & Beauty
Gala Morning
Reminder: health and beauty gala morning will be held on Sunday, April 10, 10 am to 1 pm. For further details contact Gail Nugent - 5636675.

Ladies Tea Party

International Ladies Tea Party is on Wednesday April 6, from 5 pm at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. Highlight of the evening will be a children's fashion show, sponsored by leading stores in Kuwait. Tel. 5386297; 5317390.

Kuwait Welsh Society

The Society will hold a "Nosen Lawen" (social evening), 8 pm, April 7. For details phone 3912384; 4874548.

Filipino Cultural Show

Auditions for singers, dancers and prop-men will be held on April 8, 4 pm, at the Philippines Embassy premises for a cultural show and food festival due to be held in June. The show will be organised by Kuwait-Philippines Economic Council in coordination with the Philippine Embassy, Flasik and Kapitku. For details contact Gil Herico — 2522034; 2521754.

Alumni get-together

The T.K.M. College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.10 am
Zuhr	11.50
Asr	3.23 pm
Maghreb	6.10
Isha	7.28

VIDEO CORNER

Spielberg's recipe to beat the blues

By Shaun Seekins

BATTERIES Not Included is a very silly film, maybe that's why I enjoyed it so much. A film to take you away from the cares of the moment and remind you of the true values of life. Presented by Steven Spielberg and directed by Matthew Robbins, it brings together the busband and wife team: Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy. They were tempted to drop plans for a stage play and do the film. As Cronyn says "This is not the best of all possible worlds, but miracles come into it occasionally and we need to be reminded of that and I think it's wonderful to be in another feel-good picture to follow Cocoon."

The story is about a group of apartment owners in an old brownstone building who are being menaced by developers who want to demolish and rebuild. The police don't want to know and it rather looks as if Franc and Faye (Cronyn and Tandy) are going to end up in an old people's home. Then, help arrives from a very unexpected source, from a galaxy far away on the other side of the universe, in the shape of tiny living spaceships. It seems that when the thugs employed by the developers smash something up, the tiny ET's can mend just as fast, consternation all around! Soon they start to reproduce and it looks as if all will be well, but, of course, nothing is as smooth as that.



Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn in Spielberg's film.

Super special effects and brilliant photography make this a must for the kids.

Cry Freedom is Richard Atteborough's impressive new film recounting the unashamedly political story of Steve Biko (Denzel Washington), who was to die in police custody, and the crusading white newspaper editor, Donald Woods (Kevin Kline), who struck up a dangerous friendship with the articulate black activist.

The first half of the film is taken up with Woods' re-education under Biko's gentle tutelage. He learns at first hand some of the problems of blacks in the Republic. The second half, following Biko's untimely death (officially designated hunger strike), traces Woods' painful decision to quit the country and his subsequent escape with his family in possession of an explosive manuscript detailing Biko's death. Given the subject, which may



Mini-spaceships arrive at the home of Faye Riley (Jessica Tandy) in Batteries Not Included.

not appeal to audience searching for escapism, the film is doing quite well on the circuits.

In Good Morning Vietnam director Barry Levinson (Diner) underlines how so many little incidents make up a war, how one man's crusade for the ideals he considers right has little chance of success against military censorship. He casts Robin Williams as a brash radio DJ transferred to stricken Saigon as part of a morale-building effort sponsored by an eccentric general (Noble Willingham). As the new morning man, Williams proceeds to shake up Armed Forces Radio with rapid-fire wit and bard-driving rock.

This doesn't go down too well with the entrenched station manager (Bruno Kirby), a Mantovani man who likes his humour simple and his music sedate. But it's the new disc jockey's opposition to the

military's censorship of the news that brings him into serious conflict with his superiors. After barely escaping a Vietcong attempt to bomb a serviceman's bar, he is forbidden by his station manager to mention the incident on air. When he rebels at these arbitrary restrictions, his superiors pull the plug. A semi-documentary style of presentation and a script that wanders off-line sometimes makes this a doubtful for a long theatrical run, but nevertheless an entertaining film worth watching.

House of Games is a high-class psychological thriller. Dr Margaret Ford (Lindsay Crouse) is a successful psychiatrist and author of a best-seller about obsession. Driven. She's so icy cool and controlled, you just know that here is a career woman as repressed, yet potentially volatile, as some of her trickiest patients. A

highly confrontational session with one, a compulsive gambler, sets off the fuse. He owes \$25,000, begins to wave a gun about, so to quieten him, she agrees to help sort out the debt.

This leads to a meeting with Mike (Joe Mantegna) at the low-rent gaming parlour of the title. Mike is a shady conman who, at Ford's insistence, begins to unveil for her the full range of his shadowy games. His maxim is: "Don't Trust Nobody", but now the doctor is driven and her obsession with Mike's world must inevitably lead into more and more deceit. Very good performances from the main actors and a strong story make this a film well worth watching.

Death with an Angel is a good new comedy starring Phoebe Gates and Michael E. Knight. Whoopi Goldberg's excellent new film **Fatal Beauty** has arrived and is available now.

Sports fans can watch the very entertaining **Pro-Celebrity Golf** from Scotland and Basketball, **Bulls vs Celtics** and **Nuggets vs Blazers**.

Deep Space 26 and Zombie High are new horror films and there is a very interesting semi-documentary **Hall Hall Rock and Roll** featuring Eric Clapton, Chuck Berry and many others.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Safeway, Farwana; Video Nafn, Salbiya (Tel: 2432809) and Video Club, Salbiya (Tel: 5724372).

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran

2.30 World News via Satellite

3.30 Tan Tan: cartoons

4.00 News Summary

4.05 World News via Satellite

4.25 Wa Ma'atasmah:

Arabic serial, featuring Siba Salem, Sami Qaslan, Hina Mohammadi

5.15 Bain Al Ams Wa Al Youm: Between Yesterday and Today. Faima Al Toq basis the show

6.10 Songs

7.00 News Summary

7.05 With Students

7.45 Folklore: local show

8.15 Good Evening and Local news

9.00 News in Arabic

9.50 Layali Hilmiya: Arabic serial, starring Yabaya Fakhri, Safiya Al Omari, Hassan Yusuf, Huda Sultan

10.50 Music Studio: a variety show featuring Ali Abdul Sattar, Yemeni singer Luwa Hussein, Rasheed Al Hilmi, Mustafa Ahmad, Sulaiman Al Mulla, Faisal Al Zankawi,

11.45 News Summary

11.50 World News via Satellite

12.25 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Adventures of

Gummi Bears: cartoons

6.30 The Micro at Work: this episode examines the use of computers in the printing and automobile industries.

7.00 Fairy Tale Theatre: "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." The fable of a little girl who is lost in the woods and takes shelter in the home of bears...

7.30 Growing Pains: "Jason's Rit." The husband and wife differ over the basics of bringing up children.

8.00 News in English

8.40 J.J. Starbuck: "Gold from Rainbow." Starbuck's car breaks down near a village, where she spends the night.

9.30 Wildlife on One: "The Case of the Vanishing Squirrel." A British researcher studies a species of red squirrels.

10.00 Sledge Hammer: "State of Sledge."

10.30 Falcon Crest: the Channings and the Gibberts are cut off from the village due to a storm. And a murder takes place.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine/D'Actualite/Closedown.

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OPINION

Israel living in true fear

YASSER Arafat has been the true symbol of the Palestinian cause for the past 20 years. With his characteristic scarf, he has become Palestine itself.

Many Palestinians have appeared and disappeared because they exploited the Palestinian cause for their own personal gain.

No one has any doubt about Arafat's patriotism. He can count on this and thereby embarrass Israel by demanding direct negotiations, sitting with its leaders under the supervision of a neutral party.

Since no one has any doubt about Arafat's true nationalistic feelings the negotiations can be direct. After all, Israel has been telling the world that it would give the Arabs anything they want as long as there are direct negotiations.

There is no difference if Arafat speaks through Russia and Israel speaks through the US since they will sit at the same table exchanging smiles and laughs.

Nothing will destroy Israel more than peace. This is well understood by the Israeli leaders, especially the older ones who think that by insisting on direct negotiations they will avoid peace or delay the process.

During the Israeli Prime Minister's visit to some of the areas of the West Bank on Saturday, Shamir arrogantly stated that Arabs will gain nothing from Israel through violence and that if they want something they would have to sit at the negotiation table — the same table that Israel has rejected for 40 years. It has refused negotiations while all the time speaking of peace to the world, trying to show the world that it is a peace-loving country.

What would happen if the Palestinian leader publicly tells Shamir to sit at the negotiation table while the uprising continues?

In his recent international televised interview, Arafat said he recognises the international legality of Israel, which means that he acknowledges the world recognition of Israel. Although these are not the true feelings of Arafat, they reflect the attitude of the world in which he is living.

We should always remember that by restricting Israel within certain borders we have the beginning of the end of Israel, in spite of the arrogance of Shamir and Sharon.

The nature of the State of Israel is such that it cannot survive in this region. All signs indicate that Israel will vanish one day — it could happen tomorrow, it could happen after a hundred years.

Yasser Arafat will greatly embarrass Israel if he declares that he is ready for direct negotiations. This declaration would signal the beginning of the end for this artificial state.

It is important that the uprising continue because Israel is today living in true fear.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

A new Gulf war flash-point

By John Owen-Davies

HABUR, Turkey. (Reuters) — Flanked by majestic snow-capped peaks and fertile lowlands fed by the Tigris River, this remote frontier crossing between Turkey and Iraq appears a picture of calm and serenity.

It is not.

Five craters gouged by Iranian bombs in a Turkish field 800 metres (yards) from two concrete bridges spanning the Hezil River show it is yet another flash-point in the Iran-Iraq war.

The holes were dumped by a jet that flew into a hail of flak from camouflaged Iraqi anti-aircraft guns on the opposite bank. Turkey has threatened similar action if any other Iranian jet violates its airspace.

Iraq aimed to destroy the bridges, main transit point for trade between Turkey and Iraq, worth \$2.1 billion last year, and for European traffic bound for Baghdad.

"We were lucky," said the driver of one oil tanker lorry who had been waiting to enter Iraq when the jet struck on March 24. "A few hundred metres closer and we would all have been dead."

Trucks

Up to 5,000 trucks cross the border each day on the single direction bridges. About 300 are lined up on either side at any one time waiting to pass customs.

To the left are the Tigris plains stretching into Syria, about 40 km (25 miles) away.

Tall observation posts manned by para-military gendarmerie troops line the muddy Turkish bank of the Hezil which flows into the Tigris.

One such post and a nearby Kurdish mud and brick village came within a split second of destruction in the Iranian raid.

Millions of dollars raised to support uprising

By Warren Richey

BAHRAIN: Palestinians and other Arabs in the Gulf region have raised millions of dollars in humanitarian aid to ensure that the ongoing uprising in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank is not snuffed out.

The fund-raising efforts — including donations by Gulf leaders, dinners, poetry readings, rallies, and neighbourhood collection boxes — have given new momentum to Palestine Liberation Organisation offices in the region. And they have helped revive hope of a Palestinian homeland among the hundreds of thousands of expatriate Palestinians living and working in the Gulf.

The PLO, which maintains diplomatic missions in each of the Gulf states, has responded to the public outrage over Israeli actions by establishing special funds to support the uprising. Officials stress that rather than

Hope of Palestinian homeland revived

bullets and bombs, all aid for the uprising is earmarked to help families cope with the continuing Israeli occupation.

"By medicine and food, not by arms," says Rafiq Al Natsha, director of the PLO office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. "We are looking for peace. We are seeking the minimum rights of our people," he adds. "But until now we have only received an answer from the Israeli Army by their machine guns, tanks, gas bombs, and helicopters."

Massacre

"This is not just a slaughter against Palestinian civilians," he says "but it is a big massacre against peace."

Overall there are an estimated 576,000 Palestinians living in the Gulf region. Kuwait has the largest population of Palestinians

with roughly 350,000. Saudi Arabia has 170,000 and there are about 35,000 Palestinians in the United Arab Emirates.

In addition to appeals for donations, PLO officials are asking Palestinians and other Arabs to "adopt" a family in the occupied territories to help create a basic support network for the most needy of the 1.5 million Palestinians living under Israeli occupation.

Many of those families already rely on remittances sent home by relatives working temporarily in the Gulf. But PLO and other Arab officials are concerned that Israel is making it increasingly difficult for such financial assistance to enter the troubled areas and reach the Palestinian families that need it.

And just how the money raised in the Gulf will enter the

territories isn't clear.

"We think the Israelis are deliberately following a policy of forcing Palestinians out," says Lakhdar Ibrahim, assistant secretary-general of the Tunis-based Arab League. "It is really remarkable that all these numbers have stayed in their country."

"What is happening now in the territories is giving a new lease on life and a new fresh start for the struggle of the Palestinian people," he says.

Donations

Ibrahim, on a tour of Gulf states to assess grassroots and other efforts to aid the Palestinians, says current donations have surged, triggered primarily by graphic television news coverage of Israeli acts of brutality against stone-throwing Palestinian

youths.

In Kuwait, about \$9 million has been raised from private sources during the past two months, according to Saleem Zantoun, deputy speaker of the Palestinian National Council. He adds that \$2 million each has been raised in both Qatar and Bahrain.

Other PLO officials in the region say that \$3.7 million has been raised in Saudi Arabia, and more than \$1 million has been collected from private sources in the United Arab Emirates.

While such grassroots contributions have been significant, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has complained that contributions by Arab governments in support of the uprising have been less than expected. The complaints were aimed at states that have balked at making contribu-

tions above their regular payments to the PLO called for under the 1978 Baghdad summit agreement.

The issue is a sensitive one; as the 1978 agreement is set to expire this year, in addition, unlike previous fund-raising efforts by the PLO, the current call for aid comes at a time of depressed oil prices. Most Gulf states are considering borrowing to cover this year's expected bud-

get deficits.

In the meantime, both Saudi Arabia's King Fahd and UAE President Sheikh Zayed are said to have made significant personal donations. And Kuwait and Iraq are reported to have made multi-million dollar contributions through the United Nations.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service:

Question remains whether Washington will stand by its friends

Tests of US fidelity

By John Hughes

WASHINGTON: The United States is heading into a couple of important tests of its fidelity.

The question is whether Washington will stand by its friends in Afghanistan and Nicaragua — both groups battling Marxist regimes — or whether political considerations will cause their abandonment.

In the past, circumstances have conspired against some freedom-inspired fighters who threw in their lot with the US, but who were jettisoned in time of crisis.

After the ill-conceived Bay of Pigs venture, Cubans who had fancifully sought to free Cuba from Fidel Castro were left to fend for themselves on a beachhead overrun by Dr Castro's superior forces. And in Vietnam, when an exhausted America withdrew, thousands of Vietnamese who had enlisted in the fight against the communist North were left to the far-from-tender hands of the Marxist victors. Boatloads of Vietnamese refugees still flee from Hanoi's rule over their country.

Now it is the turn of the Afghans, who have resisted occupation of their country by the Soviet Army, and of the Nicaraguans who have taken up arms to break the grip on their country of the Marxist-entombed Sandinistas.

In Afghanistan, the beleaguered Soviets are about a bout at the end of their military tether, having been held to a standstill by the anti-communist guerrillas. A few hitches are stalling their promised military withdrawal.

One is President Reagan's insistence that they stop military aid to the Afghan forces they will leave in place before the US stops its aid to the freedom fighters. This should be a staunch US position. To do otherwise would be unconscionable.

What the Soviets are trying to do is shape the future of Afghanistan — to win politically what they have failed to win militarily. Of concern to Moscow, any perception of "weakness" in Afghanistan, that the Soviet leadership fears, might encourage ethnic separatists in the Soviet Union, or certain Eastern European countries, to follow courses more independent of Moscow.

But the US has no obligation to haul out the USSR in Afghanistan. The American obligation is to the guerrillas who have fought so bravely, and to the 5 million Afghan refugees who have been displaced from their country. They should not be left to the retribution of Soviet ramp regime in Kabul with a continuing supply of military aid from Moscow.

The Afghan guerrillas are tough, cantankerous and not be ideal democratic — they too deserve some consistency of US support.

Unless the US role in Nicaragua is to end in infamy, the same must be said of the Nicaraguan Contras. Just days before the rescheduled resumption of cease-fire talks with the ruling Sandinistas, they faced a new Sandinista military offensive. They faced it without the support of the on-again, off-again US Congress, which has alternately voted aid and then cut it off, depending on its whim. Currently the aid is turned off, and despite Ronald Reagan's urging, Democratic leaders are not inclined to vote on a new package.

Like the Afghan freedom fighters, the Contras are quarreling among themselves, and have been guilty of excesses and human rights abuses — just like the Sandinistas. The Sandinistas have resurfaced their "turbas" — gangs of rock-throwing thugs used to break up opposition political meetings. The "turbas" were curbed in 1984, but have apparently been given the Sandinist green light to operate again.

Though the Contras may not be ideal democratic, they too deserve some consistency of US support.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service:

Polish journalists dodge censorship

By Andrew Tarnowski

WARSAW, (Reuters): Press freedom has expanded in recent years in Poland but some well-known Polish journalists still regularly meet deep underground to play their trade.

In a half-finished cellar under a Warsaw church they "publish" the Sunday Bell, a spoken newspaper with all the news and views not fit to print in communally controlled Poland's officially-controlled press.

Up to 300 people pack the cellar under the Church of God's Mercy once a month to hear former journalistic luminaries of the Solidarity era report on the burning issues of the day.

"Me and my friends come here because we don't believe everything the newspapers tell us and we want to know other things," said a middle-aged woman at the 18th "edition."

"We don't believe the press is free. Not yet."

To prove the point, journalist Katarzyna Kolodziejczyk described what she said were police baton charges against students who tried to lay flowers at a Warsaw monument on a political anniversary in March.

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Jaruzelski and Solidarity leader Lech Wałęsa to meet to save Poland from disaster. Jaruzelski opposes the idea of a meeting.

In February, Konfrontace published an unprecedented interview with Bronisław Geremek, a top adviser to Wałęsa.

In March, the Communist Party daily Trybuna Ludu printed a letter from intellectuals accusing the Soviet Union of the World War II massacre of 15,000 Polish officers, a crime blamed by Moscow and Warsaw on the Nazis.

"Yes, there is a great advance now. There is a lot of news in the official press, especially on the economy and the environment," said Stefan Bratkowski, organizer of the Sunday Bell and former president of the Polish Journalists Association, dissolved under martial law in March 1982.

But big holes in information and restrictions on political reporting made the spoken journalism sessions still necessary.

"It's a matter of being free to comment. In the press you're not free to comment on all events," Bratkowski said.

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Behind

"Our press has gone further than the Soviet press in reporting on Armenia," said a speaker. "But on every other issue our press is behind the Soviet press."

A prominent Catholic journalist outlined Pope John Paul's latest encyclical. An opposition spokesman reported on abortive efforts to regain legal status for their banned associations.

Spokesmen for rival factions of the Socialist Party, a banned non-Marxist group, detailed a party split involving charges of police infiltration.

But the most critical commentaries were aimed at the government and its economic and political reform efforts.

More progress means less water in Indian drought

region, many of Jodhpur's traditional talavas and baolis have become the dumping-grounds for the city's garbage. What is worse, the provision of piped water has led to the over-exploitation of groundwater supplies.

During 1987, Bikana received 238mm of rain, compared with a normal rainfall level of 260mm. Although this was not much of a reduction, water has become a scarce, precious commodity in the walled city of Bikana. When the taps are dry, people now have to pay Rs 10 (75 cents) to fill up their overhead tanks.

Rajasthan's dry climate has not changed drastically, but in the past even if it did not rain for two or three years, the "baolis" (large open wells with steps), "talavas" (huge open concrete-lined tanks), "kuiniyas" (small dug-outs where rain water is collected), and "tanks" built into the basement of most houses, collected sufficient water to see people through the dry years.

Export

Garages, tyre-repair shops, fast food restaurants and basic hotels line the route through the town, two km (1.2 miles) north of the crossing point on the Iranian border and 1,120 km (700 miles) from Ankara, Turkey's capital.

The shanty town of Habur, thriving on the traffic spawned by the 7-1/2-year Gulf war, is about 240 km (140 miles) west of the nearest point on the Iranian border and 1,120 km (700 miles) from Ankara, Turkey's capital.

Most vehicles from Iraq are laden with oil, destined for export outlets on Turkey's Mediterranean coast, from the Iraqi oil centre of Kirkuk, 320 km (200 miles) southeast of Habur.

Iraq, whose main Gulf outlets were blocked early in the war, exports up to 1.5 million barrels of oil per day (bpd) through two pipelines to Iskenderun bay and to the Tigris River, which flows into the Persian Gulf.

Yet towns like Jodhpur and Udaipur would not be facing water-shortage crises if scarce water was still collected and stored as it used to be.

It is estimated that 50 per cent to 60 per cent of surface water is allowed to run off the land and is lost every year. If caught and stored or allowed to sink into the ground it would restore the ground aquifers which are fast drying-up.

"It is not enough to spend millions of rupees sinking tube wells and trying to deliver piped water to the arid interiors of Rajasthan. Renovation and restoration of ancient methods of conservation has to be undertaken simultaneously," says Om Tharani, who recently completed a study of Rajasthan's water crisis for the Indian Centre for Science and Environment.

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OUTLOOK

By Kathy Cudby

HOUSEWORK is one of those tiresome activities which gets a lot more attention than it deserves. At least, that's my attitude when I'm the one who has to do it.

During those dark periods of my life when the burden of housework has fallen squarely on my shoulders, I have tried to introduce time management to the chore: kitchen in the morning, bathrooms on Mondays, vacuuming on Tuesdays, windows on Wednesdays, etc. etc. This, in theory, would keep the house clean and still allow me to engage in more rewarding pursuits. Unfortunately, the wretched house won't cooperate. The kitchen which gleams at 9.00 am looks like the site of a food-throwing, dish-dirtying contest twenty minutes after the school bus arrives. The rest of the house doesn't seem to fare much better, although I can't say for sure since the place is so littered with discarded clothes, books, and associated juvenile junk that it's impossible to accurately interpret the true state of affairs under the surface mess. The bathrooms are just as inconsiderate as the other rooms since they refuse to wait until it's their turn for cleaning the following week before becoming quite intolerable.

There are, of course, two alternatives to this sorry situation: 1) don't bother fighting the inevitable, let the house go to seed; or 2) hire someone who is not emotionally involved to do the dirty work.

Since the first solution is categorically unacceptable to a basically clean person like myself, I resorted to the second alternative.

For the first couple of months our part-time maid proved to be a charm. Her regular top-to-bottom clean-outs made me more enthusiastic about maintenance tidy-ups. Our

Domestic bliss



alternating schedules complimented each other nicely, although it was sometimes difficult to convince my husband that there really were two of us on duty.

"Gosh, Kathy, was the maid here again today?"

"No, dear, I got the place in order all by myself." Needless to say, I'm more than a little offended that he doesn't remember that the maid doesn't come every day ... and that he doesn't recognise my special "signature" to the prevailing banality.

"Come on, Kathy, you can tell me the truth. I don't mind if you have the maid as often as you like."

Thinks. The euphoria began to wear a little thin when the excusable blunders displayed during the initial adjustment period developed into major aggravations whose persistence showed no signs

of relief. I mean, who could blame the woman for putting the potato peeler ... and just about everything else ... in the wrong drawers — at first. Admittedly, she tried our tolerance when she threw a mixed load of clothes into the wash and the whites came out coloured. And, true, she did carry the spirit of the phrase "breaking in" a bit far when she stacked a dozen Waterford crystal glasses ... and then couldn't unstack them without breaking or scratching most of them.

Now I'm back at square one as far as the housework goes. As I've already tried the hired help route, there would seem to be only two alternatives: 1) don't bother fighting the inevitable, let the house go to seed or 2) leave home and let everyone else clean up their own mess.

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astonished at how many hiding places there are within the confines of a small bathroom.

My stomach muscles churned every time I opened a cupboard door. What surprise would I find? What wouldn't be there that should be there? I quickly learned to look for tarragon vinegar where the floor cleaners were kept, and to find olive oil in the refrigerator, but there were too many inconsistencies to keep ahead in the game.

Apparently, even the maid ran out of ideas sometimes. By accident, I discovered that she stored "miscellaneous" bits and pieces under the beds. These treasures were as diverse as window screens, dirty clothes, unopened mail, and the latest newspapers and magazines.

Just as I had reached the point where I became uncontrollably twitchy in anticipation of her arrival, the maid informed me that she would have to give up her job in our happy home because she wanted to return to her ailing mother.

"What a thoughtful, noble gesture," I told her, clasping my hands and casting my eyes upwards in silent thanks.

"But, Madam, will you not be upset having no one to clean for you?" she asked in mild astonishment.

"Of course it will be an inconvenience. Nevertheless, your first duty must be to your mother. I shall be very sorry to lose you, but go with my blessing, dear girl."

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Turin Shroud: is it a fake or the real thing?

By Robert Glass

LONDON, (AP): After centuries of debate, scientists in England, the United States and Switzerland may finally determine whether the shroud of Turin is a medieval forgery or old enough to have existed at the time of Christ's death on the cross.

The Vatican, for the first time, is allowing radiocarbon-dating of the mysterious linen, which appears to bear the image of a crucified man and is venerated by some as Christ's burial cloth.

A date from the Middle Ages will be compelling evidence of what skeptics have argued all along — that the shroud of Turin is a fake.

Although no one will ever prove the image is Christ's, a date anywhere near 2,000 years old could cause a sensation, for it would indicate the shroud existed when Christ was crucified.

"I would be rather awed if it looked extremely probable that it was his burial cloth," said Oxford University's Dr. Robert Hedges, one of the scientists carrying out the tests.

The British Museum has agreed to guarantee the scientific validity of the carbon-dating, which is to be done independently on nuclear atom-counters at Oxford, the University of Arizona and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at the University of Zurich.

No timetable has been set for the tests, but Dr. Michael Tite, director of the museum's research laboratory, said they should begin this spring and the results announced possibly by the summer.

The triple carbon-dating should reveal the shroud's age within a 200-year range, he said.

"If you get a medieval date, then clearly it is not the shroud," Tite said in an interview.

"If you get a date of the period of Christ, then it doesn't tell you anything — except that it tells you it could be the genuine thing."

The most extensive investigation was the 1978 shroud of Turin research project, in which dozens of scientists subjected the cloth to chemical analysis and took 30,000 photographs of it.



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They concluded the stains were human blood and the image too thin to be an artist's work.

The shroud, 14 feet, 3 inches (4.3 metres) long and 3 feet, 7 inches (1.1 metres) wide, bears a faint yellowish image of both the front and back of a man's body. Stains, scientifically identified as blood, can be seen around the wrists, forearms and head, corresponding to New Testament descriptions of Christ's wounds from being whipped, speared, nailed to a cross and crowned with thorns.

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Skeptics, however, maintain it was painted during the Middle Ages, when the production of fake religious relics was commonplace.

Historical records have authoritatively traced the shroud to 1354. But references to the shroud before then are sketchy, and scientists have long tried to persuade the Roman Catholic church to subject it to carbon-dating.

The Vatican, which owns the shroud, previously argued that carbon-dating would damage the cherished linen. But the development of an atom counter known as an accelerator mass spectrometer in the 1970s made it possible to date objects with much smaller samples.

The old technique would have required a piece of the shroud the size of a paper napkin. The spectrometer can

use a sample no bigger than a postage stamp. The Vatican refused to say when samples would be cut from the shroud, which is locked away in the cathedral at Turin, Italy. Scientists doing the tests have been barred from witnessing the sample-taking procedure or saying when they received their samples.

Instead, the sample-cutting was being videotaped and photographed for documentation.

More controversially, the Vatican announced in January that it would allow only three laboratories to take part in the tests, instead of the seven originally planned.

New Scientist, a British journal, accused the Vatican of revising the testing protocol to produce an ambiguous result that would allow people to continue believing in the shroud is a genuine relic.

But Professor Luigi Gonella, scientific adviser to the archdiocese of Turin, said the church never claimed the shroud was authentic, only that it might be and "must be treated with respect and caution."

The number of testing labs was restricted to minimize damage to the shroud, Gonella said, adding that the archdiocese had never agreed to allow more than three labs to participate.

Critics talk about us reducing the number of labs from seven to three, while we see it as increasing it from one to three," he said in an interview.

The British Museum's Tite said there is no reason to think that three labs could not produce a sound result.

"It is in fact quite unusual to do two or three measurements on a normal archaeological specimen," he said. "One is the normal number, two you're providing a check and three you're providing a double-check."

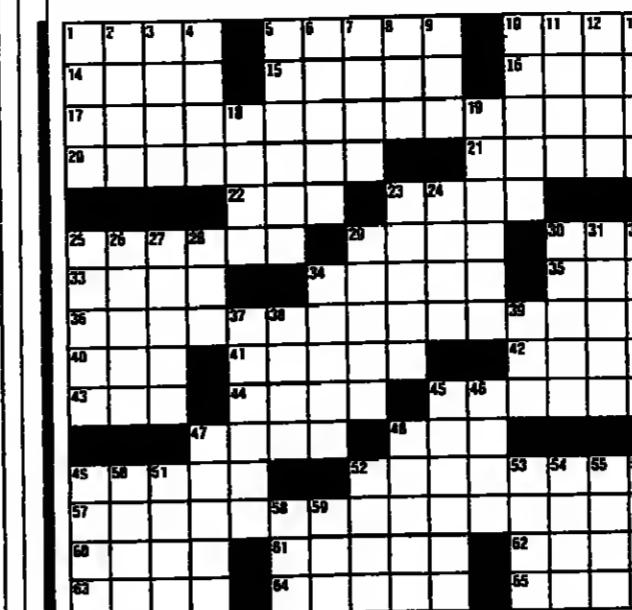
Tite said each test lab will receive a 0.3-square-inch (2 sq cm) sample of the shroud. They also will get two dummy cloth samples, one carbon-dated and the other dated historically but not scientifically, to see if they get consistent results for all three samples.

The labs are not supposed to know which sample is from the shroud, but Tite acknowledged

The Shroud bears a faint yellow image of a man's body. Stains, scientifically identified as blood, are present, corresponding to the New Testament description of Christ's wounds.

that the linen's distinctive herringbone weave would probably give it away under the microscope.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠ KJ1043 ♠ AQ52 ♠ 85 ♠ 93 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass ? What do you bid now? What action do you take?

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Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠ KJ73 ♠ AQ5 ♠ QJ7 ♠ KJ102 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass ? What do you bid now? What action do you take?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠ KJ63 ♠ 85 ♠ K95 ♠ AQ102 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass ? What do you bid now?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠ KJ73 ♠ AQ5 ♠ QJ7 ♠ KJ102 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass ? What do you bid now? What action do you take?

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1 LADD 2 AWAIT 3 ANAS
4 ERIE 5 MALMD 6 UELLE
7 ANDALUSIAN 8 SWAT
9 FDDI 10 SHAMBATYRS
11 NEYS 12 LORO
13 APPLES 14 TAILDRED
15 CHAIN 16 CURSE 17 KEA
18 TDRT 19 SADAT 20 DERR
21 UNI 22 PURIM 23 SERIN
24 POSSIBLE 25 CIDSES
26 INTER 27 OELI
28 GREASED 29 RINGLET
30 HANG 31 NDRIEGIANS
32 TRAIN 33 LUNA
34 ACHE 35 SPENT
36 OYED 37 AOAR

"Don't chat 'em up, lad — just grab one!"



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Today you will feel in the right frame of mind to take the initiative. Mercury's influence will assist you in making the right decision. Do not do anything that might injure your health, such as drinking too much. Be sensible.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have a good opportunity but you must act swiftly if it is not to pass you by. You will need a lot of patience and you should persevere. Try to be nice to others. Be tactful.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

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Today you will be rather impatient and should try to control yourself. You should also beware of losing your temper. You will have something to laugh about. Be fair.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not allow your likes and dislikes to distort your judgment. You will be able to simplify what is a complex problem and deal with a part of it. Be amenable.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You will be able to make excellent progress. Do not leave packing until the last minute if you are going on a journey. Make sure you do not spend beyond what you can readily afford. Be more considerate.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will tend to be a little on the nervous side. You should not allow your emotions to get out of hand. Keep calm even when faced with a provocative person or situation. Be reasonable.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Avoid doing anything that might expose you to ridicule. You will be able to deal with a situation that has some unpleasant aspects. You should not allow a certain amount of success to go to your head. Be selective.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be better able to deal with an economic problem. You should make sure however you do not spend more than you know you can afford. Now is not the time to take any needless risks. Be cordial.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be able to do something to reduce tension and to resolve a conflict. You will be more persuasive, but you should allow others to have their say too. Avoid acting out of jealousy or allowing resentments to control your actions. Be moderate.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will find a better way of doing something you have been doing for a long time. You should take other people's opinions into account. Try to ensure you do not go beyond your own limitations. Be more cautious.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will be in a more receptive mood. You should not rely on instinct and intuition to get you out of trouble. Make sure you do what needs to be done to meet your commitments. Be sincere.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Once you have made up your mind stick to it unless you have a better idea. You should not spend too much time and energy on secondary matters. Do not forget you too have a sense of humour. Be less resentful.

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Michael J. Fox: Hollywood's little big man

To the older generation, he is the ideal son. To young women he is a romantic figure. To his peers, Fox represents a guy they would like to know. Both in cinema and television, the diminutive 26-year-old Fox has captivated enormous and loyal audiences. What is the secret of his remarkable success?

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Not since Mickey Rooney in the 1930s and '40s has the American public enjoyed a more universal love affair than with Michael J. Fox.

Both in motion pictures and television, Fox has captivated enormous and loyal audiences playing an '80s version of the all-American boy — even though he is Canadian.

Like Rooney, who is now approaching 70, the 26-year-old Fox is diminutive (5-foot-4), energetic and a superlative actor.

His impact on the public was instantaneous with his role of Alex Keaton in the weekly sitcom, *Family Ties*, which made its debut on NBC in September 1982 when he was 20 and playing a 16-year-old.

Since then, Fox has starred in four movies that have grossed almost a half-billion dollars — probably surpassing Rooney's box-office records — thanks in no small part to inflated admission prices.

In his long career Rooney made more than 100 movies

and starred in a couple of unsuccessful TV series, *Mickey* (1954-55) and *One Of The Boys* (1982).

Fox and *Family Ties*, on the other hand, has been a smash hit for six years, almost always among the top five shows in the Nielsen ratings.

The busy young actor is flattened by comparison to Rooney and said he is an admirer of the Mick and has seen many of his old films on the tube.

As did Rooney, Fox has established his own production company, *Snow Back Productions*, with headquarters at Paramount studios where *Family Ties* is taped.

The other day Fox sat behind his glass-topped desk and surveyed his new office. He was wearing a sweatshirt, blue jeans and jogging shoes.

"Look around these offices and wonder when some big executive is going to come in and kick me out," he said, lighting a cigarette.

His company's name, *Snow Back*, refers to his origins. Canadian immigrants with US work permits have been referred to by some as snowbacks, a sharp contrast to the



Fox: energetic and a superlative actor

derogatory label of 'wetback' for Mexican immigrants.

Of his growing popularity with moviegoers, Fox said, "It can be fun on the celebrity side of things, but it can be a nuisance too. Being accepted as part of the American family is great."

To the older generation, he is the ideal son. To young women, he is a romantic figure. To his peers, Fox represents a guy they would like to know. But Fox is unsure whether his image — as Alex or the bright young guys he plays in movies — isn't confused with the sort of young man he is in real life.

His current favour with audiences will soon be tested with the release of his new picture *Bright Lights, Big City*, in which he plays a cocaine addict.

His role does not simply shatter his scrubbed image. It is more complex than that. Fox says the film suggests that even the clean-cut, highly motivated boy next door can become a coke freak.

It represents a major turn in Fox's career, and it has given him pause.

"This picture makes me

think that anyone with a public image usually keeps and manipulates it to promote his career, but it's not a conscious thing with me."

"I don't have an agenda with my career. It's not set or carefully planned. I accept a role because I like and respond to it."

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"I read the book 'Bright Lights, Big City' several years ago and liked it. Then (producer) Sydney Pollack came along and asked me to do the movie version. I liked the script.

"I see the cocaine and nightlife element of the picture as peripheral to the central theme, which is about a talented, generous, self-motivated guy with problems.

"I hope the good feeling audiences have for me will help them understand and know this character. There's a real guy in there and to make him likeable is what makes it worthwhile for me."

"At the start of the film his life is going in the toilet. He's not functioning, but he has the dignity to overcome his attitudes. I love one line in the film in which he says: 'I have the shabbiness in failing all by myself.'

Essentially, Fox is not only playing a character completely different from his other film roles, he is also portraying an adult, which is another step in his career development.

"That wasn't premeditated either," he said. "I'm not that smart, or that stupid, or whi-

chever way it works."

"The man I play in the picture is 24 and I am more interested in playing people in their mid-20s, my own age. It's a natural development that characters my age would appeal to me, but if I found the role of a 15-year-old really stimulating, I would take it in a minute."

"My work is fascinating right now. I don't mean to push myself away from the engaging character I've played and I'm not particularly anxious to portray an unsympathetic role."

"I enjoy being a guy people feel comfortable with. The fun is taking a likeable individual and putting him in an unfriendly situation, which is what happens in 'Bright Lights, Big City.'

"The only trouble is people might think I am making a personal statement in the picture. That's not the case. It's a story about how all of us take a wrong turn now and then. It deals with the human and moral dilemma of drugs."

Fox said he hoped regular viewers of *Family Ties* would not confuse his new movie role with his TV role as Alex.

"Maybe they'll be shocked to see me snoring coke," he said. "That would be great in one sense. Then they'll realize it could happen to anyone, even Alex or Marty McFly, my character in *Back To The Future*.

It was 'Back To The Future' that made Fox a movie superstar. Previously, he had appeared in two mediocre films he would just as soon forget, *Midnight Madness*, and *Class Of 84*.

He starred in *Teen Wolf*, which earned \$80 million on a \$1.5 million budget.

Back To The Future was a megahit that grossed \$250 million worldwide. Then followed *Light Of Day*, which earned \$15 million domestic, and the runaway hit, *The Secret Of My Success*, which so far has grossed more than \$100 million.



Peter O'Toole: not concerned with accepting roles that might win Oscars. He's happy just to act.

Oscar eludes O'Toole again

Nominated seven times without result, Peter O'Toole hasn't 'the faintest idea' why the coveted award continually slips through his grasp.

By Vira Lynn Jones

NEW YORK, March 15. (Reuter): Peter O'Toole sat groggily eyed in an early morning interview, chain-smoking cigarettes for breakfast.

The 55-year-old actor was muttering that he would 'love to have an Oscar' but the seven-time nominee didn't have 'the faintest idea' why the coveted award continually slipped through his grasp.

Even though *The Last Emperor* is in the running for nine academy awards, more than any other film this year, O'Toole was not nominated for his portrayal of Reginald 'R.J.' Johnston, the Scottish tutor of China's young emperor.

But, the lanky Irishman said, he was not concerned with accepting roles that might give him a shot at an Oscar. He's just happy with an opportunity to act.

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his role and the country.

"Every day I felt there was another book to read to shed some light on this ignorance (about China) descending upon me," he said.

O'Toole said of Johnston: "He was a senior colonial figure who disgraced himself by publishing a pamphlet in Chinese attacking the role of the missionary."

"Johnston wanted to be Governor of Hong Kong, but it looked like he had blown his career. He was given an opportunity to mould the great radical forces in China, by becoming Pu Yi's tutor."

"If you look at the man Peter O'Toole, he would love to have had such an opportunity."

After receiving acclaim and four Oscar nominations in the 1960s — for *Lawrence Of Arabia*, *Goodbye Mr. Chips*, and *The Lion In Winter* — O'Toole's career faltered.

In the 1970s, he got another Oscar nomination for *The Ruling Class*, but during most of the decade, hits were outnumbered by flops.

Doctors also told O'Toole that he would be dead within a few weeks from blood cancer, an incorrect diagnosis.

O'Toole lit another cigarette and said slowly, as if reciting Shakespeare, "One's redemption is a good role in a good play which is successful."

For Johnston, his role seemed to have been blown. He found redemption by becoming the Emperor's tutor.

"In my case or in any actor's case, if one has had a lean time, if the opportunity comes along to be in something excellent and to be an excellent work, then redemption comes."

His own redemption began in the 1980s with *The Saint* Man which brought him a sixth Oscar nomination. Number seven came for *My Favourite Year* in which O'Toole played Alan Swann, a boozey matinee idol.

The Last Emperor brought O'Toole to China for the first time. He called it "bewildering."

"I sensed each day, more and more, my own ignorance of the place. My choice was to stand there, mutter a few phrases and use my ears, eyes, nose and the bicycle," he added.

He said he spent his spare time in the museums and galleries of Peking and managed a three-day trip to Qu Fu, birthplace of the 'ole boy.'

His description of the Chinese philosopher Confucius.

Poitier returns to the screen

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES: For Sidney Poitier, who became a star in serious, socially conscious dramas in the 1960s, the main attraction of his two new films was the action.

In both of them, he plays an FBI agent.

"I'm thought of as anything but an action actor," he said in an interview. "Even if it's only action, that's a stretch for me. I have to have an opportunity to stretch my creative muscles."

With *Shoot To Kill*, released recently, and *Little Nikita*, which opened in the United States on March 18, the Oscar-winning actor returns to the screen after an 11-year absence, during which he wrote, directed and produced.

When Poitier directed and starred in *Piece Of The Action* in 1977, he was still Hollywood's only black leading man. Now, he's lonely eminence is apparently a thing of the past.

"Being black in Hollywood required the assumption of certain responsibilities," he said of his early career. "That awareness and that kind of responsibility precluded your going off in certain directions."

"Now I am able to go off in certain directions (thanks to) Eddie Murphy, Denzel Washington, Bill Cosby and Danny Glover," he added.

One direction is definitely action.

The new films bear little resemblance to his searing, socially aware dramas of the 1960s, such as *Lilies Of The Field*, *To Sir With Love* and *The Heat Of The Night*.

"The '60s was a very interesting and energizing period in American life. Most films were reflective of that. Now we tend to go for those things that are



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less complex, less cerebral," he said.

He characterizes his two action thrillers as part of the '80s thing.'

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ANDY CAPP



By Smith

QUESTION: I'm getting more diseases than I know how to handle as I grow older. Now it's gout. What do all these diseases mean to my future?

ANSWER: First of all, gout frequently can be controlled by proper medical treatment. Being temperate and consistent in diet and drinking habits also helps guard against the disease.

An acute attack of gout is one of the most painful conditions known in medicine, and the memory of it seldom fades in those people who have suffered such attacks.

A "typical" gout patient is a middle-aged man with swelling and pain that comes and goes. Often the affected site is his big toe, although gout can strike in several other areas, particularly the knees, elbows, wrists, shoulders and ankles. Obesity, a family history of gout sufferers and excess alcohol consumption are other features of a gout patient in younger age groups.

Obesity is not a frequent problem with older people, nor is overindulgence in alcohol. Yet in the elderly, gout is as common in females as in males, and gout that affects several joints is an especially common com-

plaint.

Gout occurs rather frequently in elderly people in places other than the big toes. The hand often is involved when elderly women, who have used anti-diuretics for years, suffer from gout. The wrist also gets a share of gout attacks, as well as elbows and shoulders.

Attacks seem to occur most frequently in the early hours of a day, between 4 and 5 a.m., often after too much food, alcohol, or even exercise, or conversely,

BUSINESS & FINANCE

The world economy after the crash

World markets balanced in uneasy equipoise

By Midas

IT is now five and a half months since the October crash stunned world markets with its sudden ferocity. A large part of the alarm was caused by the fact that when international, electronically powered, panic set in, no market was immune from its effects.

The old conservative wisdom of spreading one's investment throughout the world's major markets, London, New York, Japan, proved to be a fallacy. They all fell simultaneously, along with Sydney, Madrid, Paris, Kuala Lumpur and almost everywhere else.

Some, like Tokyo, didn't fall quite so far as others, but even that gave little comfort since in purely economic terms, Japan was obviously much more overpriced than London, yet the latter dropped further than almost anywhere else, save Australia.

Since there seemed no logical

reason for the discrepancy, investors could take no comfort from Japan's seeming resilience.

At the present time, the situation bears an uncanny resemblance to the situation in April 1930, after the traumatic crash of Black Tuesday, October 29, 1929. After both crashes, 1929 and 1987, the New Year showed a rally as shares struggled upwards from the wreckage.

But by April 1930, that rally, like the present one, had stumbled finally to a halt. London has dropped 100 points in the last week.

In Professor J.K. Galbraith's classic study, 'The Great Crash', he outlines what happened next. In June 1930 there was another steep drop in share prices and thereafter the market dropped week by week, month by month and year by year until the end of June 1932.

At that point, prices stood at roughly 10 per cent of what they had been just before the debacle started.

Plan to set up special fund to guarantee investments

MUSCAT, April 5. (Kuna): The Inter Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation has endorsed the idea of establishing a special fund to guarantee investments of Arab and Islamic banks, companies and financial bodies.

In its 15th annual meeting held last night, the corporation's board of directors has decided to sign an agreement with the UN Development Programme to co-finance a study, through which the corporation intends to evaluate some selected Arab investment projects.

Problems

The meeting reviewed the problem of arrears of member states presently at about \$11 million which equals 12.5 per cent of the capital.

Meanwhile, the corporation's financial report put 1987 revenues at close to \$18 million, over \$6 million more than figures in the budget.

Investments of the corporation were valued at more than \$135 million and achieved a total revenue of \$16 million, the report indicated.

Spanish daily hails Kuwait's economic policy

MADRID, April 5. (Kuna): A leading economic daily last week heaped praise on the economic policy of Kuwait and urged Spain to follow the example of the Arab Gulf state.

In a lengthy article, 'Cinco Días' newspaper said that 'the astonishing phenomenon of Kuwait is not so much the fact that it fulfilled the dream of offering free services to its citizens but the way by which it made that dream come true.'

Kuwait, the newspaper wrote, 'is the example of those who transform sand into gold by ceaseless and tireless endeavour thanks to the wise leadership of the Amir of the country.'

Surplus

A great deal of the praise goes to HH the Amir whose economic policy rested on investing surplus oil revenues to the service of the present and future generations of the country, the economic daily said.

Kuwait's surplus oil funds are being used to provide stable revenues for the state, ensure long-term sources of hard currency and protect these investments by diversifying markets and currencies,' 'Cinco Días' said.

Abu Dhabi hotel profits surge

ABU DHABI, April 5. (Kuna): The Abu Dhabi National Hotel Company has announced a 13 per cent increase in profits to Dh40 million in 1987 from Dh35.8 million in the previous year.

The company at its annual board of directors meeting has agreed to pay dividends totalling Dh27.5 million to its shareholders representing 25 per cent of its capital.

The company's chairman Nasser Al Nowais who is also undersecretary at the Ministry of Finance and Industry and chairman of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development attributed the profits to three factors.

These, he said, were the rise in the company's catering operations, reduction of expenditure and rise in room occupancy due to increased tourism from other Gulf states.

Arab overseas investments total \$350,000m

ARAB investments abroad are estimated at \$350,000 million. But these huge assets, the result of a unique oil decade, are vulnerable. Arab investors are estimated to have lost \$20,000 million in the October stock market crash. And, since 1985, Arab dollar investments are believed to have lost 50 per cent of their purchasing power as a result of instability in exchange markets, according to MEED.

The figures were revealed by Union of Arab Banks chairman Anwar el-Khalil during the opening address at this year's union conference, Arab banks facing up to Arab investments abroad.

Held in London from March 29-31 and attended by the region's top bankers, the conference studied the role of investments, the risks attached, and ways of increasing the returns on Arab funds in international and Arab financial institutions.

During his address to the conference, he said: 'As physical

El Khalil pointed out that Arab governments' investments amount to \$200,000 million and the private sector's to \$150,000 million.

Arab institutions have established huge banking networks internally, regionally and internationally, he said. 'The total assets of the Arab commercial banks only stood in excess of \$310,000 million at the end of 1986, whereas they were just below \$25,000 million in 1973 on the eve of the first substantial adjustment of crude oil prices and \$14,000 million on the eve of the second crude oil price adjustment in 1979.'

Growth

Ibrahim Dabdoub, general manager of National Bank of Kuwait, believes the region will continue as 'an oasis of stability enjoying control over vast financial assets.'

During his address to the conference, he said: 'As physical

limitations will preclude the development of a widely diversified industrial base, we shall develop all the characteristics of rentier economies with a remarkable degree of intra-regional and international capital mobility. Accordingly, our economic structure certainly points to the prospects for the growth of the financial services industry in the region within which the role of portfolio management will figure pre-eminently.'

'This envisaged growth should lead to the gradual expansion of the domestic financial markets followed by a growing regional public-sector borrowing requirement as the capabilities and potential of investor demand are explored.'

'Similar initiatives are already under way in Saudi Arabia and can be expected to spread more heavily through the GCC states.'

'The ability of the commercial banks in this region to render

one-stop or universal financial services to their clients renders them the favourites for continued growth in the area of portfolio management. However, such growth will not be easily accomplished as the skills required for successful portfolio management are by no means complementary to the traditional commercial banking skills upon which we have been honed.'

Suppliers

'The successful implementation of the steady growth which I foresee at the third phase of Arab involvement in investment management will leave our regional financial institutions well-placed to capitalise upon the eventual fourth phase.'

'This should occur when, in the late 1990s, the energy supply/demand equation reverts in favour of suppliers, and the economies of our region, again

experience positive budgetary surpluses which, as a result of the primary infrastructural development of our region now being in place, will inevitably require them to be deployed in the international investment markets.'

Other speakers at the conference were: Mohammed Said Nahuisi, executive secretary of the UN Economic & Social Commission for West Asia; Abdulla Saudi, president of Arab Banking Corporation; Ahmed Abdullafti, managing director of Riyad Bank; Hikmat Nashashibi, chairman of Arab Bankers' Association; Nemir Kirdar, president of Arabian Investment Banking Corporation; Gbazi Abdul-Jawad, general manager of Gulf International Bank; Christopher Keen, general manager of United Bank of Kuwait; and Abdul-Wahab Al Tammar, president of Al Tammar Economic Consultants.

US industry holds out hope in Japan beef, citrus talks

WASHINGTON, April 5. (Reuters) - The United States and Japan may yet reach agreement over beef and citrus trade despite the expiration of a four-year pact last week and the breakdown of talks to renew it, US beef industry officials say.

Japan might block a US request for the formation of a dispute panel when the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) council meets again in May.

But the officials said the two sides would continue negotiating over the US demand that Tokyo lift its quotas and they say Japan might agree to a timetable for opening its markets before the GATT council meets again in May.

Inevitable

'Most Japanese politicians and farmers recognise that liberalisation is inevitable. They will oppose an end to the quotas until the last moment to see what compromises can be had,' said Tom Cook, director of industry affairs at the National Cattlemen's Association.

US and Japanese negotiators

broke! Nevertheless, the gigantic American deficit is sucking in such enormous amounts of cash simply to finance the debt that the pressure is on to raise interest rates on T-bills simply to keep investors willing to finance the whole mess. That sucks money out of the market and contributes to the shakiness of current share prices.

For the moment, world markets are balanced in uneasy equipoise. Compared to recent years, share prices seem cheap, there are bargains to be had, so investors are tempted to step in.

On the other hand, the risks are high that the whole system will go into another steep dive. That's the dilemma but there is another, crucial factor.

The psychology of the herd would suggest that since people are already nervous, any sudden dip in prices, no matter how innocent, would straightforwardly lead to another stampeding

World Business Summary

Venezuela hopes to expand reserves by 2bb in 1988

CARACAS, April 5. (Reuters): Venezuela hopes to increase its proven oil reserves by two billion barrels to 60 billion this year, through new discoveries and secondary recovery in existing fields, the Ministry of Energy and Mines announced today.

The ministry said in its annual report 20 new test wells will be drilled this year in an effort to increase output of light and medium crudes. Venezuela's reserves are currently dominated by lower-priced heavy and super-heavy crudes. Exploration will centre on eastern Monagas and Sucre states, an the area south of lake Maracaibo, the traditional centre of Venezuela's oil industry. The programme is expected to cost approximately \$142 million, the ministry said. Exploration in recent years has led to the discovery of 8.6 million barrels in probable reserves of light and medium crudes, comparable to England's North Sea oil fields, Energy and Mines Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti said on March 14. Plans call for total crude 1988 output to remain at 1.571 million barrels per day (bpd). Venezuela's Opec quota. But condensates, which lie outside the quota, are to increase from 165,000 to 190,000 bpd, and liquid natural gas production will go from 94,000 to 98,000 bpd, the ministry said, raising total production to 1.859 million bpd. Last year's total production was 1.789 million bpd.

Venezuela's crude exports are slated to remain the same at 1.520 million bpd.

Argentine exports total \$8b

ABU DHABI, April 5. (Kuna): The leader of the visiting Argentine trade delegation and governor of Cordoba Dr Eduardo Angelos declared here yesterday that his country's exports to the world last year totalled \$8 billion.

He added, in an interview with Kuna here, that agricultural and animal produce and industries based on both formed 75 per cent of the exports, or around \$6 billion.

Angelos, who is nominated for the forthcoming Argentine presidential elections in September next year, added that 30 per cent of the Argentine work force is engaged in the animal and agricultural sectors.

He noted that his current tour was the first of its kind and aims at strengthening relations with countries visited namely Nigeria, India, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the UAE.

The governor, who will conclude his tour by a trip to Kuwait, added that he is accompanied by 111 members including 28 government officials and 83 representatives for the private sector.

Angelos expressed satisfaction toward results of his tour, pointing out that it opened a channel for talks with those countries and for boosting contacts.

Invitations were extended to government and chamber of commerce and industry officials to visit Buenos Aires to discuss expanding political and economic ties, he elaborated. Angelos underlined that volume of his country's commercial exchange with the Arab countries was very slim and noted that he was met with a similar desire to increase that quantity, on part of Arab officials. The Cordoba governorate is populated by 2.8 million out of the total Argentine population of 30 million.

Plan to set up joint projects

LAGOS, April 5. (Opecs): Opec member Nigeria and neighbouring Niger are to set up joint projects of mutual benefit and strengthen their joint commission on cooperation in order to facilitate the establishment of ventures. A communiqué, signed by Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida and his Niger counterpart Ali Saibou, said that the two countries will also cooperate in harnessing their common water resources.

According to the communiqué, issued in Abuja at the end of Saibou's two-day visit, the two presidents also expressed confidence in the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) as 'the viable institution for the attainment of economic development and social progress in the West African sub-region.'

The two leaders also urged Ecowas members to honour their financial obligations to the organisation to enhance its effectiveness and to ensure that it met the objectives for which it was established. The communiqué expressed concern over Africa's economic problems aggravated by famine, fall in commodity prices and foreign debt which adversely affected African development programmes. Expressing support for the position of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), the two presidents stressed that the solution to Africa's debt problems should be addressed at the multilateral level.

They also stressed the need for the intensification of intra-African cooperation to solve the continent's economic problems.

IBM sells chips to competitors but will not enter open market

NEW YORK, April 5. (Reuters): The computer giant International Business Machines Corp. said today it had no plans to mass market semiconductors although it had supplied small quantities of its computer chips to competitors.

IBM officials said its sale of chips to European and US competitors was not an attempt to prevent US firms from becoming dependent on Japanese semiconductor suppliers.

'Over the past couple of years we have offered limited quantities of semiconductors to a very small number of companies internationally,' said IBM spokesman Peter Thonis, who declined to name the companies or the amounts involved.

Thonis spoke with Reuters after Jack Kuehler, IBM vice president and senior engineer, disclosed the chip sales in an interview with the New York Times published yesterday.

The newspaper reported that IBM has supplied some competitors with state-of-the-art computer chips for more than two years, confirming rumours in circulation for months.

It said that IBM, responding to inquiries, disclosed last week it had offered small quantities of its advanced chips to fewer than a dozen US and European competitors.

The paper reported, however,

that Kuehler said the shift in corporate policy was not a move to prevent US firms becoming dependent on Japanese semiconductor suppliers.

Speaking with Reuters, Thonis also rejected speculation

that the chip sales were aimed at preventing US computer companies from becoming dependent on Japanese suppliers or at paving the way for IBM to mass market its semiconductors.

'We are neither accepting orders for semiconductors nor are we increasing (manufacturing) capacity,' said Thonis, adding that IBM aimed to 'share our effort competitively.'

Analysts said the sales probably do not exceed \$20 million a year, compared with IBM's total yearly output of about \$3.5 billion.

IBM has played a key role in helping to ensure that the US chip industry keeps pace with the Japanese, most notably with its strong support of Sematech, a consortium of American chip makers that is trying to boost US competitiveness.

'If Sematech doesn't work, IBM may become a bigger supplier of chips to other computer companies,' Adam Cuhney, an analyst with Kidder, Peabody Co.

rates a bit to top price pressures in the bud.

The 30-year US Treasury bond yield, a benchmark for mortgage and corporate bond rates, rose to 8.87 percent yesterday from 8.76 percent before the weekend as investors braced for a tightening of credit conditions by the Fed to prevent the economy from overheating.

In late January, the Fed pushed interest rates lower to help an economy that was slowing because of October's stock market crash, which left piles of unsold goods on shop shelves.

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ALD LTD 382/0

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BASS 835/0

BEAVER 170/0

BEECHAMS 430/0

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SEARS 122/0

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COOKSONS 556/0

SHELL 015/0

COURTAULD 320/0

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BEJAM GP 168/0

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International Bond Highlights

London — Taisei Corp is issuing two equity warrant Eurobonds, lead managers said. The first, a 200 min dlr issue lead managed by Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd, matures in 1992. It has an indicated coupon of four pct and par pricing. Nikko Securities Co (Europe) Ltd lead managers the second issue, which is for 100 min dls and matures in 1993. It has an indicated coupon of 4-1/2 pct and par pricing. (RTVE 9943)

London — Ford Credit Canada Ltd is issuing a 100 min Canadian dlr Eurobond due May 11, 1993, paying 10 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct. Goldman Sachs International Corp said as lead manager.

London — Mitsubishi Paper Mills Ltd is issuing a 150 min dlr equity warrant Eurobond due April 27, 1993, paying an indicated 4-1/2 pct and priced at par, lead manager Nikko Securities Co (Europe) Ltd said. (RTUC 1038)

London — Canada Trusico Mortgage Company is issuing a 150 min Canadian dlr Eurobond due May 5, 1993, paying 10-1/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager McLeod Young Wair International Ltd said. (RTZV 0837)

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8-5/8 3/8	8-9/16 7/16	8-11/16 9/16
FFT	3.25/35	3.25/35	3.35/3.45
PAR	7-1/2 9/16	7-3/4 7/8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR	7/8 1-1/8	1-1/2 1-3/4	1-3/4 2
BRI	3.40	6.00 1/8	6-1/8 1/4
RON	10-1/4 10-3/4	10-5/8 11-1/8	10-7/8 1FXLAB
AMS	4.0 4-1/16	3-7/8 4.0	4.0 4-1/16
TOK	3.5000 5625	3.6875 7500	3.8750 9375
ECU	6.062 6.187	6.18 6.31	6.37 6.50

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.		
Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6 1/8	6 7/8
3 months	5 3/4	6 3/8
6 months	5 1/2	5 1/8
1 year	5 7/16	6 1/8

BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	67	65.50	63.75	MICO	495	490	485.50
ACC	132.50	133	GRASIM	85	85	85.50	MOCIL	445	442.50	452.50
ASIA PAINT	138.75	136.25	GSFC	79	82	81.50	OKRAY	17.50	17.25	18
BAJAJ AUTO	187.50	190	HIND LEVER	61.50	62.50	64	PEICO	27	27	27.75
BAR. RAYON	180	175	HINDALCO	78.50	78	79.50	PFIZER	53	53	54
BOM. DYEING	120	120.50	HINDCOCA	71.25	72.50	79.50	PRE-AUTO	24.50	24.50	25
BR. BOND	82.50	82	HINDMOTOR	17.50	17.25	17.75	RAYMOND	43.50	43	44
BSE INDEX	398.37	397.16	IND ORG	16.75	16	18	RELIANCE	77	76	81
CENTURYSPG	760	755	INDRAYON	50	50	50.50	SIEMENS	57	57	59
COLGATE	165	167.50	INDRAO	136.25	138.75	137.75	SPIC	25	25.50	26
DEEPAKERT	26.50	26.25	ITC	33.50	32	33	STDMILLS	210	202.50	205
E1. HOTEL	45.50	44	JKSYNTH	54	54	52.50	TATA PMR	187.50	185	187.50
ESKAYEF	152.50	156.25	158.75	L ANO T	76.50	76.50	TATACHEM	59.50	58	60
ESSA	17.50	18	17 MAHINDRA	50.50	51	50.50	TELCO	432.50	435	452.50
GAR. POLY	77	76	76.50	MASTERSHR	9.62	9.50	9.62	TISCO	648.75	651.25
GE. SHIP	26.25	26.35	26.65	MATHER PL	85	82.50	83.50	VOLTA	240	240
										247.50

FRANCE/FR

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
AEG	247.2	247	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
ALLIANZ VR	1348.0	1349.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BADENWERK	179.0	177.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BASF	244.5	245.3	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BAYER	263.0	263.2	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BAYER HYP	349.0	353.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BAYER VER	349.0	346.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BBC	318.0	310.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BHF	361.0	362.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
BNW	502.0	503.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
CHENIE-VER	0	120.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
COMMERZBK	227.5	228.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
CONTI GUMM	244.3	244.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
DAIMER BEN	639.0	640.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
DEUTSC BHK	402.5	404.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
DLW	335.0	334.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
DRESNER 8	238.5	238.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
DT BABCOCK	157.0	156.8	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
FAZ INDEX	451.72	451.40	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
GARDSCHE	248.00	248.45	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
GUTEHOFF	517.00	517.00	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
HARPER	407.0	405.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
HOECHST AG	260.9	261.8	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
HOESCH	115.7	115.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
HORTEN	180.0	181.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
HUSSEL HLD	465.0	459.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
KALI SAL 2	131.0	133.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
KARSTADT	444.0	451.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
KAUHOF	396.0	398.9	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
KLECKH	98.9	98.7	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
LADECK W	0	81.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
LINDE	584.0	585.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
LUFTHANSA	148.5	149.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
MAN	157.3	157.9	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
MANNESMAN	121.7	124.2	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
MERCEDES	532.0	533.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
METALLGES	260.0	264.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
HDXDORF PF	538.0	538.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
NORSK NYD	50.70	50.30	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
PHILIP KOM	611.0	608.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
PORSCHE	530.0	516.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
PREUSSAG	156.5	156.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
PW	194.0	195.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
RHEIN	207.0	203.8	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
RHEIN P	196.8	193.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
RHEINMETAL	295.0	295.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
SLAMANDER	260.5	260.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
SCHERING	437.8	434.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
SEL	314.0	311.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
SIEMENS	356.1	358.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
THYSEN	125.5	126.4	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
VARTA	268.0	272.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
VEBA	255.2	255.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
VEV	166.5	163.5	MITSUB CP	1300	1310
VOLKSWAGEN	238.7	239.0	MITSUB CP	1300	1310

TOKYO Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE EASIER IN MODERATE TRADE

TOKYO, APRIL 5, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER BECAUSE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS WERE NOT FULLY COMMITTED DUE TO A LACK OF FRESH FACTORS, AND BROKERS HAVE COOLED DOWN ACTIVITY FOR FEAR THAT THE MARKET MAY RISE TOO FAST.

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BUSINESS

Oil prices drop

Opec output within quota ahead of meeting

LONDON, April 5. (Reuter): The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, whose ministerial price committee meets on Saturday to discuss weak oil prices, kept within its self-imposed output ceiling in March, a Reuter survey showed today.

Opec, curbing output to support prices, set a ceiling last December of 15.06 million barrels per day (bpd) for the first six months for 12 of its 13 members, to defend a price at \$18 a barrel.

Iraq refused to sign because of its rivalry with Gulf war foe Iran. Iraq which has no quota has been producing about 2.5 million bpd since then.

Analysts

The survey, based on data from oil traders, shipping sources, industry executives and analysts in the Middle East, Europe, Asia and Latin America showed Opec's 13 members pumped an average 17.4 million bpd last month, slightly above February's estimated 17.3 million.

But analysts said Opec output needed to be cut slightly if it was to match likely demand in the second quarter of 1988.

Since the end of last year Opec output has fallen around 1.5 million bpd and held at around 17 to 17.5 million in the first three months of this year.

Top Texan official seeks rise in oil prices

NEW YORK, April 5. (Opec): The head of the Texas railroad commission which set oil prices in and beyond the state prior to 1960 announced at the weekend he would be seeking a meeting with Opec officials this week to discuss the stabilisation of oil prices.

Commissioner Kent Lance said in Dallas that he wanted to encourage Opec to raise crude oil prices "to between \$18 and 24 a barrel," though he admitted he had little leverage to exert.

Lower

Analysts recall that lower oil prices have adversely affected the economy of oil-producing states in the United States, forcing them to impose stringent measures and cut programmes to balance their budgets.

Daniel Vergin, president of the Cambridge Energy Research Associates, said any such meeting between the Texas commission and Opec officials would be "a significant, symbolic event" though it would have little impact on prices.

"Moral support is a part of what is going on here," he said.

THE tenders summarised below are invited by the Central Tenders Committee on behalf of Government Ministries and other concerned authorities. The relevant documents may be obtained from the office of the Central Tenders Committee during office hours against payment of non-refundable fees as shown therein. Unless otherwise stipulated all relevant offers shall remain valid for a period of 90 days with effect from the closing date.

Tender No. PT/23-88/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Education

Requirements: Supply & installations of central airconditioning units for 5 schools in 2nd area.

Relevant fee: KD20/-

Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 10.5.88

This tender is open for contractors classified in 2nd, 3rd and 4th categories of airconditioning works.

Tender No. PT/26/88/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Education

Requirements: Supply of colour sorting machine, (scanner)

Relevant fee: KD20/-

Initial guarantee: 2% of offers value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 8.5.88

Tender No. 13/87/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Finance

Requirements: Completion of water installation work in Ministries Complex Building.

Relevant fee: KD20/-

Initial guarantee: 5% of offers value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 8.5.88

This tender is open for contractors specialised in such fields.

Tender No. M/S/21-87/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Public Health

Requirements: Supply, installation & maintenance of emergency generator for children's building in Al Sabah Hospital.

Relevant fee: KD30/-

Initial guarantee: 5% of offers value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 8.5.88

Tender No. MEW/22/4/165-87/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Electricity & Water

Requirements: Removal & installation of submerged pumps and cleaning of water tanks.

Relevant fee: KD30/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offers value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 8.5.88

Tender No. PT/23/88/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Electricity & Water

Requirements: Removal & installation of submersed pumps and cleaning of water tanks.

Relevant fee: KD30/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offers value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Tuesday, 8.5.88

Despite this, prices fell to 16-month lows by the start of last month, with Brent oil from the North Sea at \$14, due to high stocks and weak demand after a mild northern hemisphere winter, analysts said.

Markets have somewhat recovered since then, with Brent now around \$15.50, buoyed by the prospect of a meeting of the organisation's price committee to take place in Vienna.

The meeting will review the agreement with a view to deciding what action if any requires to be taken to further strengthen the market," Opec President Kiliwan Lukman said.

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"It is unlikely that Opec ministers would hold an extraordinary conference before the bi-annual ordinary meeting next June," the sources told Kuna.

They reasoned the unlikelihood of the call on fear that the emergency meeting would not meet with success, and subsequently lead to further chaotic prices of their oils, officially pegged at \$18 per barrel.

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within the 15.06 million barrels a day aggregate ceiling, excluding Iraqi production, to end current Opec overproduction and bolster prices."

They indicated that the committee could send a minister or two on visits to major non-Opec oil producers to seek their cooperation with the organisation's efforts to jack up oil prices through lower production levels.

Oil prices have declined due to a market glut caused by lower demand ahead of the summer season against global overproduction by about two million barrels a day than market needs.

Most Opec members, the sources went on, prefer to meet in Vienna on June 8 to review developments on world markets in light of the report to be submitted by the pricing committee which would include the views of organisation members and other producers on how to reverse the price decline.

Subsequently a key question, the sources added, would be the need for slashing Opec production ceiling and the subsequent laborious job of allocating quotas.

The following is an estimated country-by-country output breakdown in millions of barrels a day:

	Mar	Feb	Jan	Q1 Jan-Jun '88	Avg	quota
Algeria	0.65	0.65	0.61	0.64	0.667	
Ecuador	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.311	
Gahon	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.159	
Indonesia	1.2	1.2	1.18	1.2	1.19	
Iran	2.0	2.0	2.08	2.0	2.369	
Iraq	2.5	2.5	2.38	2.4	NO	
Kuwait	1.1	1.1	1.1-R	1.1	0.996	
Libya	1.0	0.90	0.90	0.93	0.966	
Nigeria	1.3	1.3	1.13	1.24	1.301	
Qatar	0.3	0.3	0.30	0.30	0.299	
S. Arabia	4.1	4.3	4.1	4.16	4.343	
UAE	1.2	1.0	1.04	1.08	0.948	
Venezuela	1.6	1.6	1.60	1.6	1.571	
Total	17.4	17.3	16.9	17.2	15.06	

Including shared neutral zone output

NO — No quota

Dollar steadies

Sterling extends gains

LONDON, April 5. (Reuter): Sterling made new gains on foreign exchanges today, adding to pressures on the dollar, currency dealers reported.

Although 1lb of sterling has steadied after a slip last week, dealers saw it as being at risk of further falls. Jitters over what it might do contributed to weakness in the stock markets.

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the yen and sterling due to their strong economy, not on any particular news," said a dealer at first Chicago Bank in Tokyo, adding: "So the dollar's downward trend will persist."

In Europe, however, several dealers said they were somewhat less "bearish" about the dollar today.

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Policy

Others said an apparent policy defeat for Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who is willing to see sterling rise as a counter-inflationary measure, had for the moment ruled out interest rate cuts.

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SOLDIERS stand guard outside a store in Panama City which reopened its doors on Monday. Nearly 50 per cent of the businesses reopened, but all of Panama's banks remained closed. (Reuter wirephoto)



EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak (right) reviews a map of the Japanese-built opera house in Cairo, which is due to have its gala opening in October. Egyptian Culture Minister Farouk Hosni (left) and the director of the opera house Magda Saleh escorted Mubarak on a tour of the complex. (Reuter wirephoto)



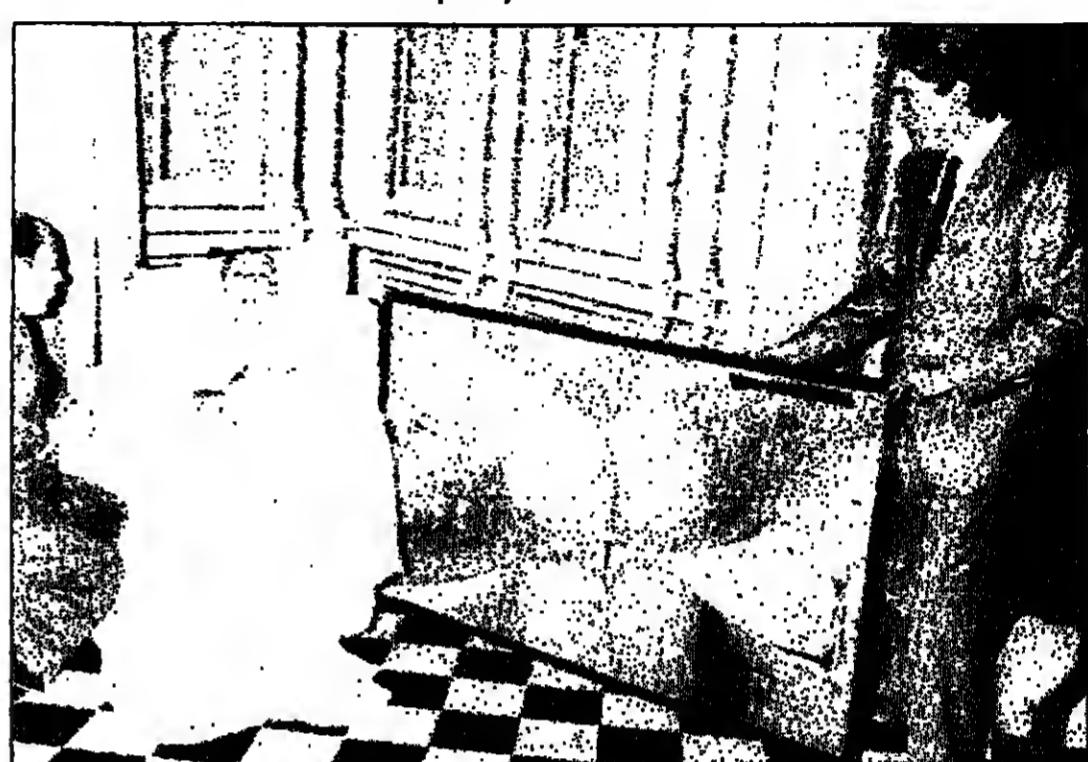
RESCUERS arrive at the scene where four British schoolboys fell to their deaths in the Austrian Alps on Monday near Salzburg. The boys, aged 14 and 15, had fallen while scrambling on the Untersberg. (Reuter wirephoto)



A TRUCKLOAD of lumber, two by fours, lies next to Interstate 10 in New Orleans yesterday after a tractor-trailer lost control, killing two men. The lumber knocked down a 100-foot-long sign (left). (Reuter wirephoto)



RICHARD BROCK, 16, gives a smile as he rides his bicycle in Brisbane, Australia, yesterday despite serious flooding in and around the Queensland capital after heavy rain closed highways and isolated towns. (Reuter wirephoto)



CATALAN regional President Jordi Pujol (left) visits Salvador Dali (centre) at his home in Spain; where he has remained in seclusion for several years. Dali presented the government with one of his favourite paintings, 'Birth of a Goddess.' (Reuter wirephoto)



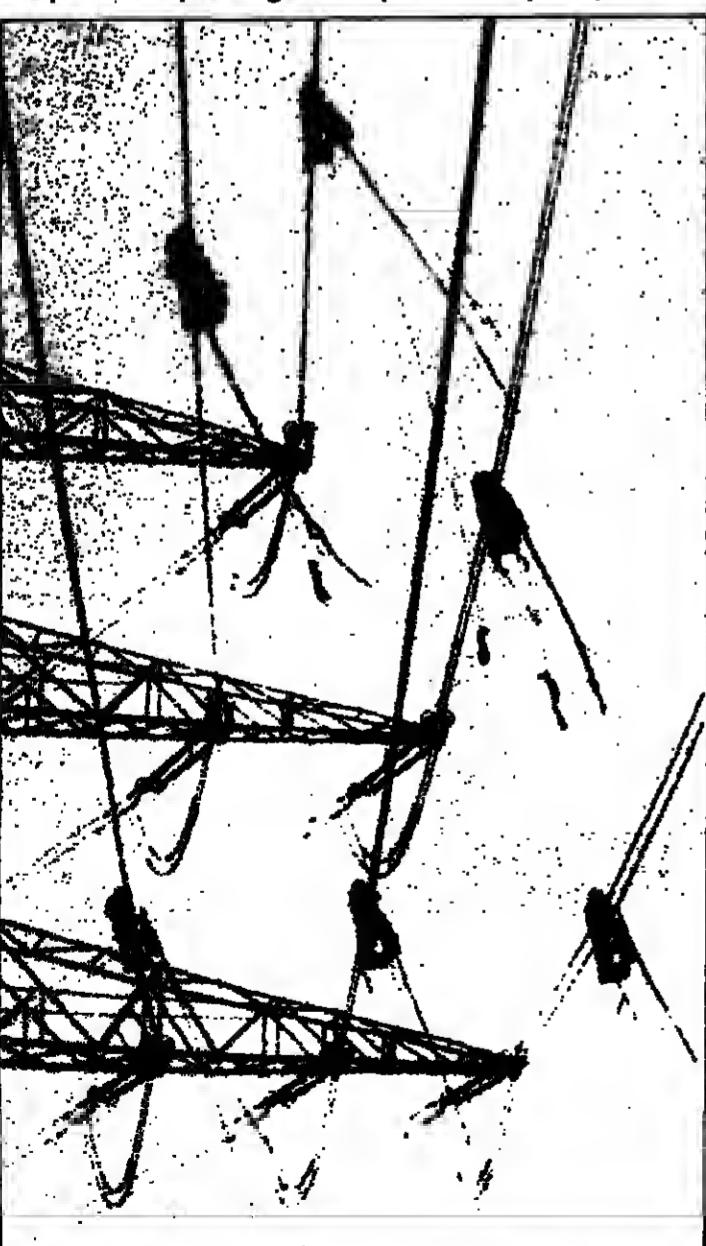
AN American soldier stands helplessly in front of a heap of scrap; the remains of a US helicopter which crashed in dense fog on a steep slope in Blaissen, West Germany. The pilot and a passenger died. (Reuter wirephoto)



SAID KAZAR from Saudi Arabia shows good form as he receives his first bull of the afternoon during his debut in Spain yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



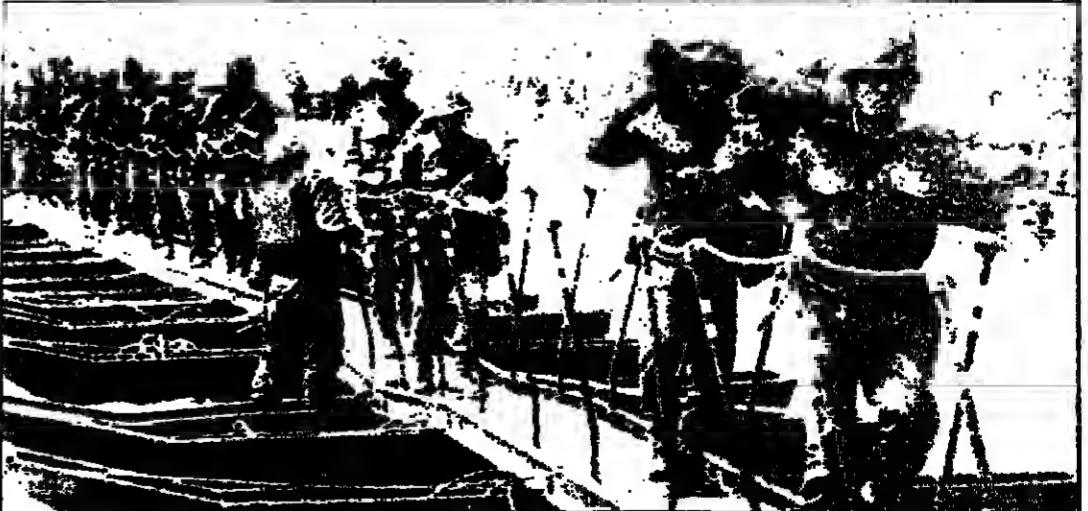
ARTIST Angelo Camerino da Grecco shows one of his chastity belts which have found a new market among jealous husbands in southern Italy. Selling at two million lire each (\$1,600) he has made seven to order with men bringing their wives to his studio for fittings. (Reuter wirephoto)



WORKERS in cabins are silhouetted against a cloudy sky as they carry out routine maintenance work on the power cables high above the ground in Eching, West Germany. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PHOTOGRAPH released by the mujahideen commander Mahmoud Atail, Chief of Staff of the National Liberation Army of Iran. In his first news conference using a detailed model to brief reporters. The NLA claims to have inflicted heavy blows on the Iranian Army, loyal to Ayatollah Khomeini, in a huge offensive last month. They also claim to have killed about 4,000 troops. (Reuter wirephoto)



SOUTH KOREAN troops cross a pontoon bridge during the annual joint US and South Korean military field exercises yesterday in the northeast part of Seoul. The manoeuvre is part of the 10-week joint military exercise called 'Team Spirit 1988' involving more than 200,000 troops from both countries. (Reuter wirephoto)

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION

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ROOM available for Indian couples or ladies at Kafan, opp. Jamaiya No. 1, Area No. 3, Street No. 31, House No. 6. Contact Sultan Mohammad in person (from 8 am to 10 pm). (AT5-41699-3)

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SALMIYA, near Al Fooz Video, one independent furnished room with A/C for one bachelor or working girl, Indian or Pakistani. Tele. 5634802 Res. (AT5-41704-3)

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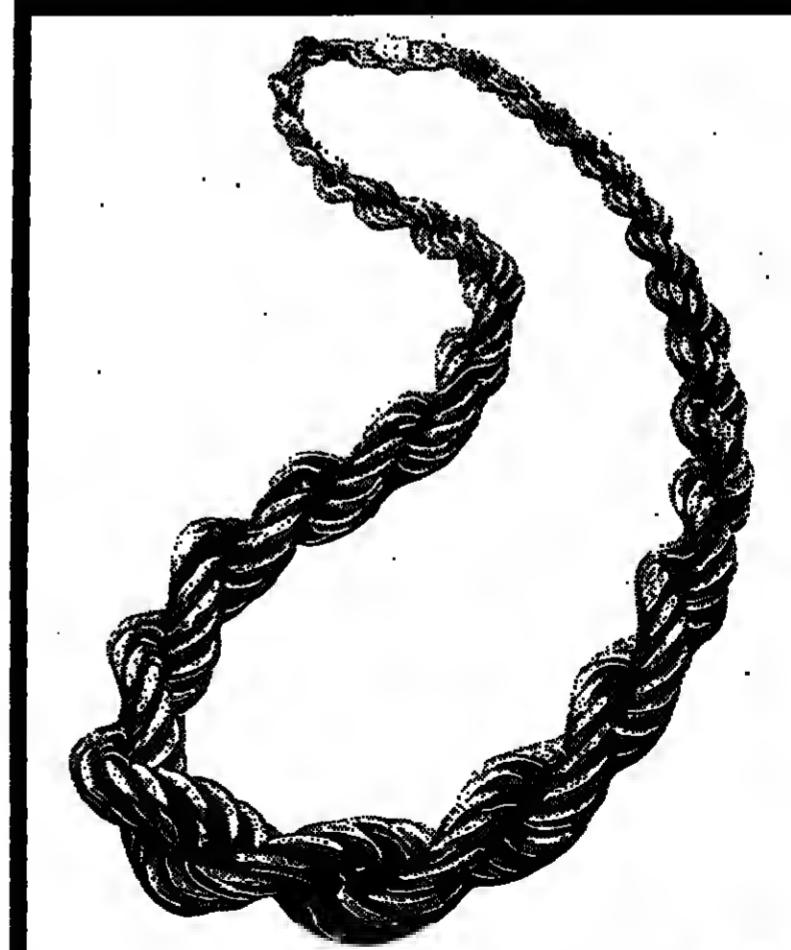
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Lyle seeks victory at Masters

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 5. (AP): Sandy Lyle took a day off relaxing and shopping before getting down to work for the 52nd Masters.

But a cursory prawl through Augusta's shopping malls failed to produce one item he was seeking.

"I don't have a green jacket in my wardrobe," the Scot said. "Maybe I can pick one up this weekend."

Lyle's choice of acquiring the famed green jacket that goes to the winner of the Masters, the first of the year's four big golf tournaments, was enhanced by his playoff triumph at Greensboro on Sunday.

Confidence

But it also took its toll.

"It took a lot out of me," Lyle said. "Having a three-shot lead, then losing it, then fighting back, it was steamy out there."

"But the day off (yesterday) and some gentle practice the next few days should see me right," he said, in anticipation of the start of the tournament on Thursday at the Augusta National Golf club course.

"I'm playing well now. My confidence is very high. Everything seems to be in order," he said. "And with the small field, about 50 pros who can win as opposed to the 100 in other tournaments, that improves the odds."

Lyle's second victory of the season opened other possibilities for him, possibilities such as becoming the first British player to take the American money-winning title. Lyle leads with \$408,021.

"I don't expect to change things much. I'll stick to my plan, 15 or 16 tournaments in the States," said Lyle, who already has played in nine American Tour events this season.

"I have commitments in Europe that I must meet. And that is my home circuit. I must play nine tournaments there. And with 15 or 16 in the States, that's a full schedule," said Lyle, who will return to Europe after next week's heritage classic.

At the moment, however, his focus is on the elite, Invitational Masters field of 91.

With the shift in golf's balance of power in recent years, much of his most formidable opposition is coalesced in the 15 entrants from outside the United States.

Chief among them are Seve Ballesteros of Spain and Greg Norman of Australia, both play off losers to Larry Mize in last year's Masters, along with Ian Woosnam of Wales, winner of more than \$1.8 million in worldwide earnings last season, and 1985 Masters champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany.

The American fielded by Paul Azinger, Mark McCumber, Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite, Tom Watson, Lanhy Wadkins, PGA champion Larry Nelson, Jay Hass, Curtis Strange, Payne Stewart and the only six-time Masters winner, 48-year-old Jack Nicklaus.

Huber triumphs in downhill race

TOKYO, April 5. (AP): Rudolf Huber beat Austrian compatriot Willibald Zechner to capture the Federation of International Skiing All Japan downhill race today in Nagano, central Japan.

Huber, 25, won in 1 minute and 30.52 seconds, while Zechner finished in 1 minute and 31.19 seconds.

Eighty-seven skiers competed over the 2,478-metre Shigakogen course with a vertical drop of 650 metres.

Katsuhito Kumagai was third in 1 minute and 31.31 seconds, while Shinya Chiba was fourth in 1 minute and 31.78 seconds.

AMERICAN BASEBALL SEASON GETS UNDERWAY

Bell slams three home runs in opener

NEW YORK, April 5. (AP): Some things never change — Toronto's George Bell still is hitting home runs and Boston's Bullpen still is giving them up.

Bell, Toronto's MVP and unhappy designated hitter, became the first player in baseball history to hit three home runs on opening day when he powered the Blue Jays to a 5-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals last night.

How about a big smile, George?

"I've got too many things on my mind to be happy," said Bell, who encored last year's 47-home run season with a solo shot in the second inning, a two-run homer that put Toronto ahead 3-2 in the fourth and a bases-empty homer in the eighth, all off Bret Saberhagen.

Things were supposed to be different in Boston, where the Red Sox tired of watching Wes Gardner and Calvin Schiraldi give up 32 home runs in 173 outings a year ago. They acquired fireballing Lee Smith, one of baseball's top relievers, from the Chicago Cubs.

Tigers 5, Red Sox 3 Alan Trammell's two-run homer — both runs were unearned because of an error by Bos-

ton shortstop Spike Owen — decided a game that began as a pitching duel between Roger Clemens, Boston's two-time CY Young Award winner, and Detroit's Jack Morris. A crowd of 34,781 attended at Fenway Park.

Both pitchers went nine innings, with Clemens striking out 11 and Morris fanning nine. Clemens gave up six hits, including Matt Nokes' game-tying homer in the sixth inning, and also was called for three balks.

Athletics 4, Mariners 1

Dave Stewart allowed two hits in 8 1/3 innings — a single on the first pitch of the game and a one-out single in the ninth — and Dave Henderson and Jose Canseco homered.

Brewers 12, Orioles 0

Teddy Higuera pitched three-hit ball for seven innings and Dale Sveum's two-run homer highlighted a 16-hit barrage as Milwaukee handed the Orioles their worst opening-day loss.

White Sox 8, Angels 5

Kenny Williams homered, doubled and drove in three runs before a crowd of 35,899 in Chicago. Williams, whose home run capped a three-run fifth inning, O'Brien, who hit a second-inning homer off Tom Candiotti, got his game-winner off Chris Codiroli



Cardinals catcher Tony Pena (right) waits for Reds' Bo Diaz at the plate to make the out. (Reuter wirephoto)

and spoiled the managerial debut of Cookie Rojas.

Rangers 4, Indiana 3

Pete O'Brien hit second home run of the game to tie a tie in the bottom of the eighth inning. O'Brien, who hit a second-inning home run off Tom Candiotti, got his game-winner off Chris Codiroli

before 37,613 in Arlinton.

Meanwhile, a season after the year of the home run, Darryl Strawberry and the New York Mets are making this the year of the home run 11.

Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds hit two home runs each as the Mets set a club record

with six homers — the most ever by any team on opening day — and beat the Montreal Expos 10-6.

If this is the time pitchers are supposed to be ahead of hitters, no one told the batters in Montreal. They got 28 hits off eight pitchers, obviously not helped by his winning single.

Reds 5, Cardinals 4

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Former England player for Nomads' ball

FORMER England Rugby international, Barrie Carless, will be the guest speaker at the Kuwait Nomads Annual "Oval Ball" next week.

Carless, who won 10 caps for England in the centre between 1976 and 1978, will be flown out to Kuwait courtesy of British Airways, who are sponsoring his flight to celebrate forty years of rugby in Kuwait.

As well as the anniversary celebrations, the Nomads have good cause to be pleased with their season's achievements. They won outright the Middle East XV's, the RFU Challenge Cup, the Gulf RFU 2nd XV's Trophy, and they are guaranteed at least a share of the Gulf RFU Merit Table Title.

Interest

All this with the continuous problem of obtaining visas for visiting teams, whose only interest, if the Nomads is the pursuance of their chosen sport.

The "Oval Ball" will also be the occasion on which the Nomads honour the achievements of their own members. Awards for 1st XV Player of the Year, 2nd XV Player of the Year, Clubman of the Year, Most Improved Player of the Year, and Young Player of the Year will be announced at the function. Tickets are available from Jon Evans (5339867) or Brian Heade (2637727).

Spanish rider wins first leg

BEASAIN, Spain, April 5. (AP): Spanish rider Manuel Jorge Dominguez became the first overall leader of the 28th tour of the Basque Country Cycling Race after he won the first leg yesterday.

He made a surprise appearance at the Paris-Nice race in early March, but dropped out after the prologue because the knee "was still tender."

Dominguez told Fagor officials yesterday before the "loops of Paris" race, run on a gentleslope auto speedway with only one challenging hill, that he would not attempt to finish the contest.

Roche, who swept the Tour de France, the tour of Italy and the World Championship Road Race last year, said he would continue a slow recuperation and would not worry about winning any races until May — but would not attempt to finish the race.

"I feel very good. I have minor leg cramps but that's a bad habit of mine," said the Irish cyclist, who told officials of his Fagor team that his knee felt fine after the race.

Roche had not participated in a race since November, when he underwent surgery on his left knee in a clinic near Paris.

"All this creates extra difficulties for developing the mass game and getting our tennis up to international level," he said.

Roche stayed near the front of the 170 cyclists for about a dozen of the 22 laps, then slowed back into the pack and dropped out of the race after completing about 100 km.

"Our rackets would be fine for top players ... in the 1930s," Chesnokov told Komsomolskaya Pravda.

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Chesnokov told Komsomolskaya Pravda.

Roche, who won the 1984-kilometre leg, with start and finish in Beasain, in four hours and 37 minutes on a final sprint. Second was Erik Pedersen of Norway, followed by Sean Kelly of Ireland.

Then came, also with the same time as the winner: Rolf Golz, West Germany, in fourth place; Peter Stevenhaugen, the Netherlands, in fifth; Rudy Dhaenens, the Netherlands, sixth; followed by Joaquin Hernandez, Spain; Jose Luis Laguia, Spain; Pello Ruiz Cahestany, Spain; and Jorgen Pedersen, Denmark, in 10th place.

Soviets trying to recruit young talent

MOSCOW, April 5. (Reuter):

Any for tennis?

The appeal, addressed

increasingly often to millions of young Russians by television

presenters and newspaper adver-

tisements, comes now with

effective double partnership with Svetlana Parkhomenko.

The Soviet Union, which for

years frowned on tennis as too

individualistic and aristocratic,

is trying to recruit young talent

capable of winning gold in the

new Olympic sport.

Success

Boosted by greater promotion,

tennis is enjoying a boom in

the Soviet Union. More players

than ever are striving for places

on the few available courts and

the country's top players are

enjoying every-increasing suc-

cess across the world.

But as in Sweden, the Soviet

Union has refused to be deterred

by its harsh climate.

They have built about 100

indoor courts in addition to

3,500 outdoor courts, according

to the monthly magazine Culture

and Life, although this figure

remains small compared to the

United States.

To boost the game at the top

level, a self-imposed 10-year

ban on international tournaments

was ended in 1985.

So far, players were sent to the

United States for coaching and

an American sports manage-

ment firm was hired to repre-

sent players in tournaments and

aid them in merchandising

agreements.

The players are technically

Danneberg threatens boycott

BONN, April 5. (UPI): Olympic discus champion Rolf Danneberg said today he would

boycott the first East-West German athletics international in June if Wolfgang Schmidt, expelled from East Germany last year, was not selected.

He replaced them with 12 new players, including 10 juniors. But I'm confident that the new players will do well in the tournament," he said.

The tournament will be good exposure for them as we are thinking of bringing a team for the all-Arab tournament in May and the Seoul Olympics in September," said Emmanuel.

Danneberg qualified for the Olympics for the third time when it defeated Kuwait 1-0 early this year. It played in Moscow in 1980 and Los Angeles in 1984.

Meanwhile the Jordanian football team, which arrived in the Malaysian capital yesterday, does not know what is in store for it in the Group B Asian Cup qualifying tournament.

"I have never seen Pakistan and Japan in action. As for Malaysia, I've only seen them playing on video. Therefore, I don't know how we will fare in the tournament," said coach Ahmad M. Abu-Shehata.

Emmanuel said he had to leave some players in Baghdad as they need a rest after the recent Gulf

war.

He also finished as the top

scorer in the recent Gulf tour-

naments.

He has been training in the

Malaysian capital for the last

two weeks and is looking for-

ward to the tournament.

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SPANISH CHAMPIONS SEEK TO SATISFY DEEPEST CRAVING

Real aim for 10th appearance in final

MADRID, April 5. (Reuter): Real Madrid will be seek to satisfy the deepest craving in European soccer when they meet Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven in their Champions' Cup semifinal first leg tie tomorrow.

On a night of six semifinals in the continent's three major club competitions, the meeting of the favourites, who have not won the trophy for 22 years, and the most free-scoring team in Europe, will be the outstanding match.

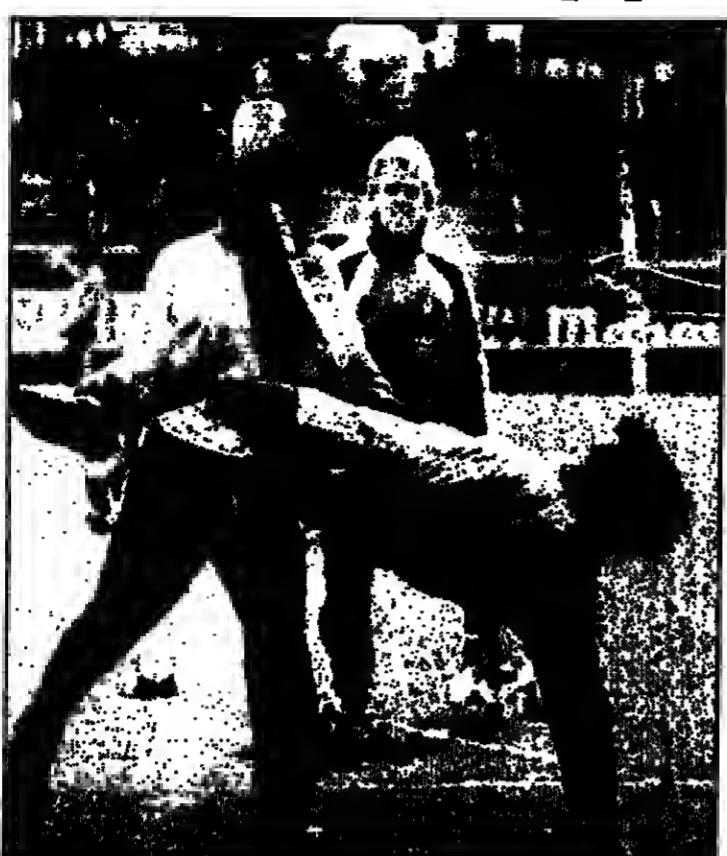
The Spanish champions, six-times winners of the premier trophy in European club soccer, have not enjoyed the taste of triumph since beating Partizan Belgrade in Brussels in 1966 and are fuelled by a burning desire to end their frustration.

Deeds

That victory, the final act in an era of greatness always associated with the deeds of Di Stefano, Puskas and Gento, has been followed by only one other appearance in the final.

This was in 1981 when Madrid were beaten 1-0 in Paris by Liverpool in a final condemned for its 'chloroform soccer' — a memory the club's army of supporters believe the present team will erase in this season.

Having disposed of Italian champions Napoli, holders Porto of Portugal and West German champions Bayern Munich en route to the semifinals, they are expected to possess too much



Real's Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez practices his scissor kick. (Reuter wirephoto)

power, experience and tactical acumen for the Dutchmen.

But PSV, scorers of 105 goals in only 29 First Division matches in the Netherlands and virtually

certain of their third successive title, are likely to do more than merely stand between Real and their 10th appearance in a European Cup final.

Moynihan requests for change in plans

UEFA delay decision on English clubs

LONDON, April 5. (AP): A seven-week postponement of the decision to re-admit English soccer clubs to European competition was taken at the request of Britain's sports minister, the country's ruling body of soccer said today.

"It was on the basis of a request by the sports minister in Britain that a decision be taken at the end of June," Rudolph Rothembuhler, a spokesman for UEFA, said.

Sports Minister Colin Moynihan was out of the country and unavailable for comment. He has repeatedly urged caution in re-admitting English clubs to European competition, from where they have been banned for three years following a riot by fans that left 39 people dead.

In a statement yesterday,

Woman golfer earns \$2m in prize-money

Alcott working on third million

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, April 5. (AP): When she's not working as a short-order cook, grooming her Scottish terrier for shows or being involved in her numerous charitable endeavours, she finds a little time for golf.

Amy Alcott is, in fact, good enough at the game that she's working on her third million.

Lifted

Alcott, 32, went over the \$3 million mark in earnings on Sunday, when she won the Dinah Shore tournament for the second time.

The \$80,000 winner's cheque lifted her career earnings to \$2,050,331, making her only the third player in LPGA history to surpass \$2 million.

She's made \$118,652 this year, tops on the Tour.

Bastaki (right) receives the trophy from Tony Jashanmal.



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BKME (Bank of Kuwait and Middle East) ended a very successful season in Ahmadi with an easy 6-wicket win over National Bank of Kuwait in the Jashanmal Friday League game at the KOC New Grounds.

BKME won the toss and elected to bat, opening their innings through Ejaz and Zaidi. Ejaz was out on the second ball caught in the slips by Ronnie off Salim Zaidi was bowled by Bastaki for seven to leave NBK struggling at 20 for 2.

Andrew Pinho and Sai then took the score to 106 before Salim was bowled by Tariq for 23. Pinho mustined a short of Tariq to have his stumps shattered 64 which included seven fours and a six.

The latter batsmen could not

Despite the controversy surrounding published remarks made by their brilliant libero Ronald Koeman, PSV should be technically and temperamentally equipped to survive the intimidating atmosphere of the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

"We will have to approach Real ice-cold," said PSV coach Guus Hiddink. "Fortunately, we have players who will not be scared away by roughness."

In the other semifinal, Portuguese champions Benfica, winners of the Cup in 1961 and 1962, travel to Romania to play 1986 Steaua Bucharest.

Benfica hope to emulate their great rivals Porto by keeping the Cup in Portugal, but coach Antonio 'Toni' Oliveira admitted the Romanians will be formidable opponents.

"Steaua are a better team than Anderlecht and we will have to be at our best in Bucharest. There are no easy teams in the semifinals of this competition," he said.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, holders Ajax Amsterdam, still struggling for form following the abrupt departure of coach Johan Cruyff in January, face Olympique Marseille of France and Belgium's Mechelen meet Italian Second Division Atalanta.

Ajax, an attacking delight last season, have relied increasingly on defence this season and goalkeeper Stanley Menzo has not conceded a goal in their last eight

Cup Winners' Cup outings. He and Danny Blind are the only survivors of the Ajax defence which helped win the trophy and Ajax will rely on Swedish defender Peter Larsson, a star of the recent Berlin four-nation tournament, to keep Marcellin Jean-Pierre Papin and Klaus Alofs at bay.

Mechelen have doubts over Israeli Eli Ohana and Dutchman Erwin Koeman following a 1-0 home defeat by FC Liege on Sunday and could also be without flu-victim Albert Cluytens.

In the UEFA Cup, Bayer Leverkusen expect a capacity 20,000 crowd at their Ulrich Haberland stadium for the visit of League leaders Werder Bremen in an all-West German semifinal.

Prevented

Both teams are at full strength and Werder, chasing a League, Cup and UEFA Cup treble, go into the match with two new internationals.

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West Indies lost Desmond

Haynes in scoring 25 in just over an hour's batting by the close, to trail by 18 with nine wickets left.

Pakistan, resuming on the third day at 249 for four, made slow progress in the morning session, scoring 62 from only 20 overs for the loss of Miandad and his overnight partner Ejaz Ahmed for 31.

Miandad, 96 overnight, needed another 53 minutes to reach his 167 Test hundred and his first against the West Indies. He was kept on 99 for 38 minutes and punched the air triumphantly when he scampered the required single after 356 minutes at the crease.

Miandad was eventually bowled off the inside edge by a quick delivery from Patterson. His painstaking knock took 405 minutes and included 12 fours.

Ejaz, with whom Miandad added 80 in 143 minutes for the fifth wicket, was out next over with the score on 300 when he fended a rising delivery from Ambrose.

Imran Khan (24) and Salim Yousuf, who made an assured

Ferguson and Dalglish clash after match

LIVERPOOL, England, April 5. (Reuter): Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson and his opposite number at Liverpool, Kenny Dalglish, were involved in a loud and bitter row after their teams drew 3-3 yesterday in the English First Division.

Ferguson, whose team stayed 11 points behind the League leaders, complained about referee John Key's decision to send off Manchester defender Colin Gibson 59 minutes into the match at Liverpool's Anfield ground.

"It would be a miracle to win here," he told reporters afterwards.

... can now understand why clubs come away from here having to bite their tongues and choking on their own vomit, knowing they have been done by referees.

Passing

"It is the whole intimidating atmosphere and the monopoly they have enjoyed here for years," he said.

Player-manager Dalglish, passing with his six-week-old daughter Lauren in his arms, overheard Ferguson and shouted: "You might as well talk to my daughter — you get more sense out of her."

The remarks started a fierce argument between the two men before Dalglish retreated into the player's lounge.

Meanwhile, Forest confirmed today that Italian First Division soccer side Pisa have made a £1.5 million (\$2.8 million) offer for striker Nigel Clough.

Clough, 22, has scored 20 goals this season and Forest manager Brian Clough made it clear he will do all he can to keep his son at the club.



Miandad (left) and Salim Yousuf: batted well



West Indies set Test record for extras

GEOGETOWN, Guyana, April 5. (Reuter): West Indies set a record for extras in a Test innings as Pakistan took a strong grip on the third day of the First cricket Test yesterday.

Javed Miandad made 114 to provide the foundation of Pakistan's first innings of 435, a lead of 143.

But extras were second top-score on 71, including 38 no-balls and 21 byes, surpassing the 68 run up by the West Indies against the same opponents at Bridgetown in 1977.

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